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WHAT IS THE PARENTS' NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL UNION?

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The Parents' National Educational Union has arisen in response to a demand from thoughtful parents. It has grown out of their desire to study the laws which govern habit and the principles upon which to select ideas that inspire and educate; their desire to know how to deal with hereditary tendencies and how to give intelligent supervision and guidance to the development of their children's whole nature, physical, mental, moral, and spiritual.

The rapid accumulation during late years of data bearing upon the interaction of body, mind and moral sense, has made it needful to reconsider many old-established ideas about Education. Parents and teachers are now aware that they must to some extent neutralize each other's work and weaken its results, unless they take counsel together.

The Union aims at giving opportunities for the study of Educational problems, and a meeting ground for intercourse between parents, teachers, and all who are interested in Education. Special stress is laid on the use of the word Education, in its widest sense, not as meaning instruction only, but the development of the whole nature, on the underlying principle that "Character is everything." The two functions of Education (as it is understood by the Union), are the presentation of ideas and the formation of habits. These two, it will be seen, are the chief means at our disposal for the modification of character.

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PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTS.

The Central Principles, to which all Local Branches of the Society—(while free to organize themselves)—shall be pledged, are:—1. That a Religious basis of work be maintained. 2. That the series of addresses and other means employed by the Union shall be so arranged as to deal with Education under the following heads: (*a*) Physical; (*b*) Mental; (*c*) Moral; and (*d*) Spiritual. 3. That arrangements concerning Lectures, etc., be made with a view to the convenience of fathers as well as of mothers. 4. That the work of the Union be arranged to help parents of all classes. *The Objects are:* (*a*) To assist parents of all classes to understand the best principles and methods of Education, in all its aspects, and especially in those which concern the formation of habits and character. (*b*) To create a better public opinion on the subject of the training of children, and with this object in view, to collect and make known the best information and experience on the subject. (*c*) To afford to parents opportunities for co-operation and consultation, so that the wisdom and experience of each may be profitable to all. (*d*) To stimulate their enthusiasm, through the sympathy of numbers acting together. (*e*) To secure greater unity and continuity of Education, by harmonizing home and school training.

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RULES.

Name.

1. The Union shall be called the "Parents' National Educational Union."

2. The Organization of the Union shall comprise:—
   (*a.*) The Council.
   (*b.*) An Executive Council.
   (*c.*) Local Branches.

The Council.

3. The Union shall be under the control of the Council, which shall consist of the President, Vice-Presidents, Honorary Officers, one representative from each Branch and co-opted members.

4. The President, Vice-Presidents, Honorary Officers and one-third of the co-opted members of the Council (who shall retire in rotation each year, but shall be eligible for re-election) shall be elected yearly at the Annual Meeting of the Council.

5. The Executive Committee shall be annually elected by the Council from among its members, and shall be responsible for the management of the Union.

6. At any Meeting of the Council five shall form a quorum.

7. The accounts of the Union shall be audited by a Chartered Accountant, who shall be appointed each year at the Annual Meeting.

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Executive Committee.

8. The Executive shall consist of the President, Honorary Officers, one representative from each Branch which received not less than fifty subscriptions, and fifteen other members who shall be elected yearly at the Annual Meeting of the Council.

9. Nominations of new Members for the Executive Committee must be sent in to the Secretary ten clear days before the date of such election. If more than fifteen members are nominated the election shall be by ballot. The Executive Committee shall be empowered to fill up any vacancy that may occur in their number during the year.

10. The Executive Committee shall meet not less than four times a year. Each year at its first Meeting a Chairman shall be elected for that year.

11. At any Meeting of the Executive Committee, three shall form a quorum.

12. No opposed business shall be transacted at any Meeting of the Executive Committee, unless previous notice of such business shall have appeared on the Agenda

13. The Executive Committee shall have power to make or alter by-laws for the management of the Union, provided always that the by-laws be not contrary to the principles, objects, or rules, of the Union, as printed and circulated in the Annual Report.

14. The Council shall decide as to what salaried Officer or Officers shall be appointed. The appointment and dismissal of such Officer or Officers, with the amount of their salaries, shall be in the hands of the Executive.

Meetings.

15. The Council shall hold an Annual Meeting to fill up vacancies in their body, to receive the Report and

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Balance Sheet of the previous year, to appoint the Auditor, to elect the Honorary Officers and Members of the Executive Committee, to decide on questions involving new departures in procedure, &c.

16. The General Annual Meeting shall be held immediately after the Annual Meeting of the Council, for the purpose of reading the Report of the past year, and for otherwise promoting the interests of the Union.

17. The Council may be summoned by the President, by the Executive Committee, or by the Secretary on the receipt of a requisition in writing from fifty members of the Union. Fourteen days' Notice of every Meeting of the Council must be given.

18. No Meeting shall be convened under Clause 17, unless the notice convening the same express the object for which the meeting has been summoned; and no business, other than that specified on the Notice, shall be transacted at such Meeting.

19. At all Meetings, the Chairman of each Meeting shall have a casting vote in addition to his ordinary vote.

20. No alteration shall be made in the Rules except by a two-thirds majority of those present at the Annual Meeting of the Council, or at a Council-Meeting specially convened for that purpose.

Local Branches.

21. A Local Branch of the Union may be formed in any district by or with the approval of the Executive Committee, after which such Branch itself shall be free to organise, and make its own by-laws, provided such by-laws shall not be contrary to the principles and objects of the Union.

22. Each Local Branch shall have the power to fix the amount of the Annual Subscription to be paid by its members.

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23. Each Local Branch shall send to the General Secretary, one month before the Annual Meeting each year, the name of its Representative to the Council for the coming year.

24. The Council shall publish a journal, and each member of the Union subscribing not less than ten shillings per annum shall be entitled to receive a copy of the journal as published.

25. Each Local Branch shall pay an annual capitation-fee to the Council. This annual fee shall be one shilling per subscription for Branches within the London Postal District, and sixpence per subscription for Country Branches. In addition to the annual capitation-fees, each newly established Local Branch shall pay an affiliation-fee of one guinea to the Council.

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GENERAL ANNUAL REPORT.

MAY, 1897.

THE Committee have again to report with thankful hearts a year of good work and cheering progress, both in the extension of the field of work and in vigorous internal growth.

The number of Branches was twenty-three at the end of last session. This year, in spite of the failure of two Branches, thirty-one are in full work and fourteen in process of organization. With reference to these latter, it is interesting to note that Branches are likely to be formed in Belgium, India and Natal.

The inaugural meetings of new Branches have been for the most part sympathetic and well attended.

The Union has been much encouraged, by the open adhesion to its principles, of several men of high repute in the educational world. Not the least cheering fact in this connection is, that a schoolmaster of experience is about to open a preparatory school for boys, to be worked on the lines of the *Parents' Review* School.

The attendance at meetings has been good in almost every Branch, but it would be well if every member felt the importance of keeping in touch with the work of the Union, both by reading the *Parents' Review* and by attending regularly all lectures given in the respective Branches.

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One of the most important activities of the year is the production of the Catalogue of the Free Lending Library (price 4*d.*), with a Critical List of Educational Works, by Mr. Welton (Lecturer on Education at the Yorkshire College, Leeds). Mr. Rooper, H.M.I., who writes a preface to the List, says:—

"Among the many useful and practical undertakings of the Parents' National Educational Union, the publication of Mr. Welton's Short List of Books on Educational Subjects should be classed as one of the most important. The author has provided those who are interested in Educational studies with a concise and reliable guide to the current literature on the subject. It is comparatively easy for a student to find an exhaustive list of the bibliography of his special study, but for practical purposes too much information is almost as undesirable as none at all Mr. Welton has made a careful selection for busy people which they could not possibly find time to make for themselves. By reference to it they will be able to see at a glance what books there are dealing with Education in general and with special branches. In addition to further particulars relating to the name of the publisher, the size and price of the book, and similar details, Mr. Welton has briefly indicated the contents of each work, and has given in a few words a critical account of its merits. . . . . .

"Mr. Welton's list is condensed, and his work in compiling it has been increased—as is ever the case when information is short and to the point—by the labour of omission. It is an invaluable addition to the resources of the Union, and all the members of it owe the author a deep debt of gratitude for an undertaking which has cost far more trouble than appears on the surface."

The Library Committee have succeeded in obtaining for the Library every volume mentioned in Mr. Welton's list, though several of these are out of print.

The Natural History Clubs are making great strides; in the near future each Branch will probably have its own club, the Local Clubs helping the Central with collections for exhibition, etc.

Lectures to Children's Nurses have been arranged and appreciated. The Nurses showed themselves responsive to higher aims and open to the teaching of principles. It would be well if more Branches attempted this very useful work. Any thoughtful P.N.E.U. mother should be able to conduct such a class.

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It has been rather laid upon the Union, during the past year, that its work should not be confined to what a Bishop on our Council calls "the poor dear neglected rich." We have been sending out "feelers," and hope that we shall soon see organised efforts amongst the working classes. Two or three attempts of a promising nature have been made in connection with Toynbee Hall and College Settlements. It is hoped that schemes of work may soon be drawn up, not involving a new organisation for working people so much, as devising ways and means of utilizing existing organisations, such as Mothers' Meetings, Temperance Work, Church Guilds, Clubs, &c. The method of carrying out details must vary, but sound educational principles will undoubtedly be as much valued, and as wisely applied, by the less, as by the more educated class, of parents.

A review of the work of the past year is as encouraging in the direction of internal growth as in that of extension. It is interesting to observe how, in the work of the Union, ideas, held at first in a loose vague way, by degrees take shape as working principles. During the past year certain principles appear to have been in this way taking form. The subjects of authority and obedience, for instance, have been brought before various Branches and have been treated of by several writers in the *Parents' Review*, and hence, by degrees, the principle upon which the Union has *always* acted is becoming formulated somewhat in this shape—That authority and docility are fundamental principles in the moral world, as universal as is the law of gravitation in the natural world, and that upon the co-ordination of these two hang possibilities of law and order, government and progress among men. The members of the P.N.E.U. therefore recognise these elemental ideas, and require from their children that docility which is due to authority; whilst they recognise none the less the claims of the latter as reasonable beings endowed with liberty of choice.

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In proportion as the members of the Union realize that they hold certain educational truths, they will recognize the responsibilities involved, and will not sit down under the frequent failures, for which all must be prepared, but will work earnestly and humbly towards the realization of their ideals.

Bearing in mind the fact that a society is only fully alive when the majority of its members are living and active, the Committee would urge upon all the duty of finding new members, of supporting new Branches, upholding schools which recognize the principles of the Union, and sharing its ideas with fathers and mothers of the working classes as opportunity offers.

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PARENTS' NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL UNION, CENTRAL OFFICE ACCOUNTS.

BALANCE SHEET, 31st December, 1896.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Natural History Club ...	7	15	6½			
,, Bayswater Branch	1	0	0			
				8	15	6½
,, Cowell, *Parents' Review* Printing	60	8	11			
,, Rent Outstanding ...	16	17	8			
,, Printing, &c. (Sewell) ...	0	13	2½			
				77	19	9½
,, Balance on General Revenue Account				6	14	8
				£93	10	0

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Advertisements	19	3	9			
,, Branch Sales owing ...	5	10	9			
				24	14	6
,, Belgravia Branch				0	5	11½
,, Balance at Bank	67	4	3			
,, Cash at Office	1	5	3½			
				68	9	6½
				£93	10	0

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REVENUE ACCOUNT, Year ending 31st December, 1896.

Dr. — *Cr.*

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
To Rent, Gas, Salaries, &c.	120	18	6
,, Printing and Stationery	30	0	8½
,, Postages, &c.	15	19	1½
,, Travelling Expenses	2	0	2
,, Furniture and Fittings	0	11	9
,, Literature	2	18	3
,, General Revenue Account, Balance transferred	3	14	4
	£176	2	10

INCOME.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Parents' National Educational Union Subscriptions ...	10	19	0			
Donations	16	11	0			
				27	10	0
,, *Parents' Review* ...				59	19	7
,, Affiliation Fees				8	8	0
,, Capitation Fees				30	4	0
,, House of Education ...				46	10	0
,, Petty Cash (adjustment) ...				3	11	3
				£176	2	10

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GENERAL REVENUE ACCOUNT.

		£	s.	d.
1896. Dec. 31.	To Balance at this date, as per Balance Sheet	6	14	8
		£6	14	8

		£	s.	d.
1895. Dec. 31.	By Balance at this date ...	3	0	4
1896. Dec. 31.	,, Revenue Account, 1896 ...	3	14	4
		£6	14	8
1896. Dec. 31.	By Balance brought down ...	6	14	8

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ABSTRACT OF CASH ACCOUNT, 31st December, 1896.

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance at Bank		30	16	2			
,, Balance in hand		1	6	1			
					32	2	3
,, *Parents' Review*. Receipts	[a]	442	10	1			
Less Payments ..	[b]	339	10	9			
					102	19	4
,, Parents' National Educational Union Subscriptions ...		10	19	0			
Donations		16	11	0			
					27	10	0
,, Affiliation Fees					8	8	0
,, Capitation Fees					30	4	0
,, House of Education ...					46	10	0
,, Adjustments on Petty Cash ...					3	11	3
					£251	4	10

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Rent, Gas, Salaries, &c. [c] ...				117	1	5
,, Printing and Stationery ...				29	7	6
,, Postages, &c.				15	19	1½
,, Travelling				2	0	2
,, National History Club Payments	72	17	3			
Less Receipts	58	0	2			
				14	17	1
,, Furniture and Fittings ...				0	11	9
,, Literature				2	18	3
,, Balance at Bank	67	4	3			
,, Cash at Office	1	5	3½			
				68	9	6½
				£251	4	10

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[a] Excludes amount due for Advertisements ... £19 3 9
Do. due from Local Secretaries ... 5 10 9
[b] Excludes amount due for Nov. and Dec. Printing ... 60 8 11

[c] Excludes amount due for Xmas Rent, not paid until January, 1897 ... ... £11 1 0
Excludes amount due for Salary for December, 1896 5 16 8

We have examined the Books and Vouchers of the Parents' National Educational Union and certify that the foregoing Accounts are in accordance therewith.

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24th March, 1897.

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N.B.—The great bulk of the Subscriptions and Donations are paid direct to the 31 Local Branches of the Union. These Branches pay a small proportion of their receipts as a Capitation Fee to the Central Office, as shewn in the Revenue Account.

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Number of Members, 80.

During the past Session five lectures have been given, and also a course of four lectures by Miss Wickham, M.B., on "The Management of Young Children." Steps are being taken to form a Reading Union for the Autumn months. A Natural History Club for boys and girls has been formed; it numbers 50 members, and is doing excellent work. Rambles, under the direction of scientific friends, are taken during the Summer months, and lectures and addresses are given during the Winter. The Hon. Sec. of the Club is Miss C. F. Barnett.

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Number of Members, 135.

This Branch now numbers 135 members. The meetings, on the whole, have been largely attended, and the lectures much appreciated. Twenty-nine new members have joined since the beginning of the year..

List of Lectures:—

November 13th, 1896.—"Habit and Character, and the effect of Motives." Miss VINTER.
December 15th, 1896.—"Neurotic Children." Miss HELEN WEBB, M B.
January 18th, 1897.—"Parents and Sons." Hon. Canon E. LYTTELTON.
February 17th, 1897.—"The Raison d'être of the P.N.E.U." Miss MASON.
March 18th, 1897.—"Defective muscular development in children, and its results." A. H. TUBBY, M S, LOND., F.R.C.S.
April 5th, 1897.—"A demonstration lesson in sight singing." Miss MILLS.
May 4th, 1897.—"The work of women in English fiction." Rev. PROFESSOR SHUTTLEWORTH.

Classes for children on the following subjects have also been given during the year:—Singing, French (Gouin), Dancing, Drawing and Painting, and Carpentry. To adults—Classes on Dressmaking, and Classes for the practice of Concerted Music; also two lectures on "Dramatic Music in the time of Shakespeare and Milton," by Professor J. F. Bridge; four lectures on "Early Italian Painters"; and a course of lectures on "Sick Nursing of Children," by Miss Homersham.

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Number of Members. 58.

This Branch has completed its first Session of work. The meetings have been well attended and much appreciated by members, and interest is spreading in all directions.

List of Lectures : —

October 29th, 1896.—"Objects of the P.N.E.U." Mrs. Steinthal.

November 27th, 1896.—"The Psychology of Attention." Miss Sturge.

December 16th, 1896.—"Religious Education of Children." Rev. W. Watson.

January 28th, 1897.—"Education out of School." Miss E. Barnett.

February 24th, 1897.—"Physical Culture of Children." Dr. Francis Johnston.

March 17th, 1897.—"Brush drawing, with practical demonstration." Mrs. Steinthal.

During the Christmas holidays various lectures were arranged for children of the members of the Union. Miss Hoffman lectured on "Natural History." Miss D. Johnston gave two lessons in Brush Drawing; and Mrs. J. R. Hughes conducted an expedition to the Permanent Gallery of Pictures in Liverpool, and explained the pictures to the children. A Field Club has been organized with various expeditions for the Summer months.

BRIGHTON BRANCH.

President : The Lady Louise Loder.

Hon. Secretary : Mrs. William Borrer, Pakyns Manor, Hurstpierpoint.

Hon. Treasurer : The Rev. S. Latham.

Number of Members, 54.

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Miss Mason's address in February was most invigorating and much assisted the work of the Branch. "Kindergarten Talks" by Lady Isabel Margesson were much appreciated and proved of great value to members.

List of Lectures :—

November, 1896.—"Obedience." T. G. Rooper, Esq., H.M.I.
February, 1897.—"Examinations." Miss Mason
March, 1897.—"The Teaching of Natural History." Miss Wells.
April, 1897.—"University Life for Girls." Miss Finlay.

BROUGHTY FERRY.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer : Mrs. Don, The Lodge, Broughty Ferry.

Number of Members, 12.

February, 1897.—"Health." Dr. Emily Thomson.

Also two lectures during the Christmas Holidays on Astronomy, by Professor Steggall.

CLAPHAM BRANCH.

Vice-President : - Mrs. Duke.

Committee :

Chairman : - Rev. C. P. Greene.

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Hon. Secretary : Miss E. Bloxam, 29, Northside, Clapham Common.

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No. of Members, 30.

List of Lectures :—

"The claims of the Literary side of Education." Miss O'Connor.
"Out-of-School Education." Miss Edith Barnett.
"Slöjd." Miss Edith Pace.
"God in Nature." Rev. Theodore Wood.
"Upright Handwriting." John Jackson, Esq.
"Stray Thoughts on Education." John Burgess, Esq.
"Accidents of Childhood." Dr. Low.
"Children's Books." Miss Heaton.
"Teaching of Languages." Mademoiselle Duriaux.

At the meetings of the Reading Circle, the following books have been read and discussed :—Miss Mason's "Home Education," Thring's "Theory and Practice of Education," Sir Alfred Milner's "Age of Bustle."

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DERBY BRANCH.

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Branch Representative: Rev. C. H. PAREZ.

Numbers of Members, 63.

The Branch was formed only in the end of October, so very little work has been done. Two lectures have been given, followed by discussion.

List of Lectures:—

October 30th, 1896.—"The P.N.E.U." Miss MASON.
January 22nd, 1897.—"Training and Inheritance." Miss E. A. BARNETT.
Discussion. December 10th, 1896.—"Moral use to Parents of the Union."
Drawing Room Meeting at Mrs. Parez's.

DULWICH BRANCH.

Chairman: Mr. T. J. EDWARDS.

Committee:

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Branch Representative:—Mrs. G. C. WHITELEY.

Number of Members, 47.

The number of members for 1896 was 44, counted by subscriptions. The average attendance at meetings has been between 30 and 40. Our members now number (April, 1897) 47.

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List of Lectures:—

January 30th.—"Our Religious Duties as Parents to our Children." Canon DANIELL.
February 25th.—"Nursery Hygiene." Dr. G. B. BATTEN.
March 24th.—Annual General Meeting.
June 23rd.—Papers on "Home Work." Miss COOPER and Rev. J. MALLINSON.
October 6th.—"What the P.N.E.U. offers to its Members." Mrs. FRANKLIN.
October 28th.—"Language Teaching." Mademoiselle DURIAUX.
December 1st.—"The Hygiene of Writing." Mr. JACKSON.

A course of six lessons on Brushwork was given to a class of children in the Christmas holidays of 1895-96, by Miss HEATON. A Lecture to children on "Seeds and Seedlings" was given by Miss SIMPSON of the Yorkshire College, Leeds, at the Dulwich High School for Girls, by kind permission of Miss Cooper.

EASTBOURNE BRANCH.

President: The Lady LOUISE LODER.

Vice-President: The Hon. Mrs. THOMAS.

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Mrs. FARNELL
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Branch Representative: Mrs. ANDREWS, Hawarden, Upperton Road, Eastbourne.

Number of Members, 66.

The session commenced in October, 1896. List of Lectures:—

October 23rd, 1896.—"Education out of School." Miss EDITH BARNETT.
November 28th, 1896.—"Obedience." T. G. ROOPER, Esq., H.M.I.
December 5th, 1896.—"The Psychology of Attention." Miss STURGE.
January 18th, 1897.—"How the P.N.E.U. helps its members." Mrs. FRANKLIN.
February 10th, 1897.—"Authority and Docility." Miss MASON.
March, 1897.—"Training between the ages of 13 and 19." Miss HUGHES.
April, 1897.—"How shall we order the child?" Rev. H. C. WILSON.

A Natural History Club has been started in connection with this Branch.

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EDINBURGH BRANCH.

Committee:

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Professor GEDDES
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Miss WALKER
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Mrs. TRAYNER

Hon. Secretaries and Treasurers:

Mrs. BERRY HART, 29, Charlotte Square, Edinburgh.
Mrs. BARBOUR, 4, Charlotte Square, Edinburgh.

Number of Members, 54.

The five lectures of the Session have been well attended, and a sixth was held under the auspices of the Scottish Mothers' Union, when Mrs. Mirrlees gave an address on "Why is self-discipline essential to mothers?"

List of Lectures:—

October 19th, 1896.—"The position of play in a system of Rational Education." DR. STRACHAN.
November 20th, 1896.—"Varied Occupations." DR. GUNN.
January 19th, 1897.—"Child Study." Dr. MAURICE PATERSON.
February 19th, 1897.—"Co-operation between Parent and Teacher in the work of the School." Miss M. R. WALKER.
March 17th, 1897.—"Education from a Sociological Standpoint." Dr. ALEX. JAMES.

During the past session two classes for children were held at 29, Charlotte Square, on Saturday mornings, for Brushwork and Cardboard Sloyd. Mr. Grahame made the lessons very interesting and the work done was most satisfactory.

FARNWORTH *(Near Bolton)* BRANCH.

President:

Mrs. HAROLD BARNES.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer:

Miss BERTRAND, Crompton Fold, Breightmet, Near Bolton.

Number of Members, 23.

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This Branch has only lately been really started, and it is still too early to say anything about its work. Twelve members joined originally, it now numbers 23.

List of Lectures:—

March, 1896.—"The aims of the P.N.E.U." Miss STALEY.
December, 1896.—Inaugural Meeting.
February, 1897.—"How the Wallasey Branch is worked." Mrs. WRIGHT,
March, 1897.—"The History of the P.N.E.U." Mrs. STEINTHAL.

NORTH FINCHLEY BRANCH.

President:

Dr. MC'CLURE.

Committee:

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Hon. Secretary and Branch Representative:

Mrs. RAMSAY WILSON, Longcroft, Woodside Park.

Hon. Treasurer: C. H. CLAYTON, Esq., Meadowside, North Finchley.

Numbers of Members, 64.

Six meetings have been held during the Session and have been well attended Although two or three members have resigned, several others have joined, and the committee have good reason to believe that there is a steadily increasing interest manifested in the work and aims of the Union.

List of Lectures:—

October 15th, 1896.—"Some aspects of Child Study." Professor SULLY.
November 5th, 1896.—"The Moral Government of Children." Miss HUGHES.
December 8th, 1896.—"The Study of the Psychic Peculiarities of Childhood." HASTINGS GILFORD, Esq.
March 4th, 1897.—"A Plea for English." Dr. MC'CLURE.
March 18th, 1897.—"The Teaching of Morals"—Mrs. BRYANT, D.Sc.
May 6th, 1897.—"The Teaching of Latin." CHAS. SIMMONS, Esq.

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FOLKESTONE BRANCH.

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Hon. Secretary: Mrs. BAYNES, 9, Christchurch Road, Folkestone.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. COLLINS, 58, Bouverie Road, W.

Number of Members, 36.

The number of members has remained stationary, but lectures have been held every month, and have been much appreciated.

List of Lectures:—

October, 1896.—"What P.N.E.U. helps us to do for our Children." Mrs. FRANKLIN.

November, 1896.—"Language Teaching." Mademoiselle DURIAUX.

December, 1896.—"Training and Inheritance." Miss E. A. BARNETT.

January, 1897.—"Parent & Teacher, Home and School" Miss CHUDLEIGH.

February, 1897.—"Sphere of Home Influence in School Life." Head Master of Dover College.

March, 1897.—"Heredity." Miss HELEN WEBB, M.B.

April, 1897.—"The Teaching of Arithmetic." Mr. SONNENSCHEIN.

May, 1897.—"Enthusiasm." Mrs. BOLDERO.

The Natural History Club has 6 members who take in Mr. Rowbotham's "Letters" and work for them. Brush work classes have been held fortnightly since November with 6 members.

GLASGOW BRANCH.

President - Mrs. MIRRLEES.

Committee:

Mrs. BRYSON. Mrs. KEITH. Mrs. STODART.
Mrs. FRAME. Mrs. G. W. SMITH. Mrs. YOUNG.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. ROBERT JARDINE, 5, Clifton Place, Glasgow.

Hon. Treasurer:

Mrs. MAXWELL HANNAY, 5, Windsor Circus, Kelvinside, Glasgow.

Branch Representative; Mrs. ROBERT JARDINE.

Number of Members 44.

This Branch has only lately been started, but meetings have been well attended and the lectures much appreciated.

List of Lectures:—

January 28th, 1897.—"On Training Young Children in Habits of Observation." Professor YOUNG.

February 25th, 1897.—"Education on the Physical side." B. D. TURNER, Esq., M.A.

March 25th, 1897.—"Anatomy and Physiology of the Skin in relation to Children's Clothing." Dr. BRYCE.

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HAMPSTEAD BRANCH.

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Committee:

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Hon. Treasurer: Dr. PIDCOCK, 74, Fitzjohn's Avenue, N.W.

Branch Representative: Mrs. HOWARD GLOVER, 35, Steele's Road, N.W.

Number of Members, 48.

The Branch has now 48 separate subscribers, of whom 31 take in the *Parents' Review* through the Society. Eleven old subscribers have resigned their membership of the Union, and 18 have joined the new St. John's Wood Branch.

List of Lectures:—

October 14th, 1896.—"The Development of the Unconscious Mind." Dr. SCHOFIELD.

October 22nd, 1896.—"What the P.N E.U. offers to its Members." Mrs. E. L. FRANKLIN.

November 10th, 1896.—"The Educational Uses of the National Portrait Gallery." Sir J. FITCH.

December 9th, 1896.—"The Teaching of Mental Arithmetic." Miss PRIDHAM

January 27th, 1897.—"Backward Children." Dr. DOWNES.

February 10th, 1897.—"The Teaching of Latin and Greek." C. SIMMONS, Esq., M.A.

March 10th, 1897.—"London Trees." Professor BOULGER.

April 7th, 1897.—"F. Wieck's Method of Teaching Children." Mrs. WEBSTER, L.R.A.M.

In May a discussion was opened by Dr. Pidcock—"That there is a tendency to give too great a prominence to Athletics in Boys' Schools."

In June an Excursion to Silchester will take place, if a sufficient number of names of members wishing to attend is sent beforehand.

Three visits were made during the Christmas holidays by the children of members and their friends to the National Gallery, the Natural History Museum, and Westminster Abbey. Explanations of the Pictures, &c. were given by Miss Blomfield Jackson.

This Branch has lost much by the resignation of Mr. and Mrs. H. Perrin from its Committee, owing to the formation in January of a separate St. John's Wood Branch. The sub-division of the old branch was deemed advisable, as members found it difficult to attend all the Meetings held in different parts of the wide area which the Branch included, as it formerly existed.

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HASTINGS AND ST. LEONARD'S BRANCH.

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Rev. G. A. FOYSTER
Rev. H. F. GRAHAM
Rev. F. G. and Mrs. HUGHES.
W. KNIGHTON, Esq., LL.D.
W. B. LIDDIARD, Esq.
Mrs. ANDREW MURRAY
Miss M. VENABLES
Dr. A. SCARLYN WILSON.

Hon. Secretary, Treasurer and Branch Representative:
Mrs EDWARD VENABLES, St. Bernard's Lodge, London Rd., St. Leonard's.

Number of Members, 80.

Six Meetings have been held since the last Report was published.

List of Lectures:—

May, 1896.—"University Life for Girls." Miss BETH FINLAY.
October, 1896.—"Our Difficulties." Hon. Mrs. CAMPION.
December 1st, 1896.—"Hygiene." Dr. NIVEN.
February 3rd, 1897.—"The nurture and admonition of the Lord." Rev. G. E. FREWER.
February 25th, 1897.—"Professions for Girls." Mrs. STEINTHAL.
April 3rd, 1897.—"Children's Books." Rev. F. R. BURROWS.

A Public Meeting to be held in June, 1897, will bring the work of the session to a close. The Rev. Joseph Wood, D.D., Head Master of Tonbridge, will give an Address on "Homes *v.* Schools." Chairman, W. Lucas-Shadwell, Esq., M.P.

HIGHGATE BRANCH.

President: Rev. A. E. ALLCOCK.

Committee:

Mrs. E. PERROUET SELLS
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Miss LACEY
Mrs. SARGANT
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Honorary Secretary and Treasurer: Mrs. ARTHUR SHARPE, 4, Broadlands Road, Highgate, N.

Number of Members, 24.

The Branch only having begun in January, there is little as yet to report.

List of Lectures:—

Feb. 1st.—"Pestalozzi and his Work for Education." M. E. SADLER, Esq.
April 2nd.—"Obedience." T. G. ROOPER, Esq., H.M.I.

A lecture was also arranged for March 5th, when Miss Lawrence, of Brighton, was to give her paper on "The Educational Value of Games," but owing to an accident Miss Lawrence was obliged to postpone her lecture. It is hoped that she may give it later in the year.

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HYDE PARK AND BAYSWATER BRANCH.

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Mrs. E. L. FRANKLIN, 9, Pembridge Gardens, W.

Branch Representative:
Mrs. WHITAKER THOMPSON, 24, Argyll Road, W.

Number of Members, 124.

All members of this Branch take in the *Parents' Review*. The attendance at monthly meetings has been good and the interest in the work has been well maintained. Several members have resigned and have joined some of the new branches formed during the year.

List of Lectures:—

October 20th, 1896.—"Games, considered as a means of Education." Miss LAWRENCE.
November 11th, 1896.—"Vicissitudes of Plato and Aristotle in their transit from East to West." Rev. W. J. EDMONDS, B.D.
December 10th, 1896.—"A Child's introduction to Poetry." Mrs. CLEMENT PARSONS.
January 27th, 1897.—"Language Teaching." Mademoiselle DURIAUX.
February 1st, 1897.—"Habit" (a Lecture to Nurses). Mrs. E. L. FRANKLIN.
February 15th, 1897.—"Parental responsibility for the failure of Modern Education." W. K. HILL, Esq., B.A.
March 16th, 1897.—'Heredity" (Women only). Miss HELEN WEBB, M.B., London.

Lectures announced for—

May 7th, 1897.—"At school on Hampstead Heath." Mrs. GRINDROD.
June 18th, 1897.—"Some difficulties in Home Study." Mrs. BOOLE.

The following classes have been held during the year:—Brush-drawing, Handicrafts, Swedish drill, French (Gouin method), Tonic sol-fa, French games for little children, hockey and cricket, and games in Kensington Gardens.

During the Christmas holidays six Lectures were given by Miss Blomfield Jackson to children, at the National Portrait Gallery, and were much appreciated.

Natural History excursions into the country were arranged last year, and were attended by between 20 and 30 children. This year they are being resumed under the direction of the Natural History Club.

The Girls' Hockey Club played nine matches this season, six of which they won.

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ILKLEY BRANCH.

Hon. Sec. and Treas.: Mrs. Francis Steinthal, Wharfemead, Ilkley.

The Natural History Club has been a great success and numbers 170 members. Two courses of lectures on "Natural History" have been given by Miss Simpson, Oxford Extension Lecturer; 100 children joined the first, and 200 the second. Walks have been held each week—largely attended—and much interest has been shown.

List of Lectures:—

October, 1896.—"Creepers, Seed Scatterers, Winged Fruits." Miss Simpson.

November, 1896.—"Winter Sleepers, Catkins." Miss Simpson.

March, 1897.—"Celandine, Coltsfoot." Miss Simpson.

April, 1897.—"Insects, Butterflies." Miss Simpson.

ST. JOHN'S WOOD BRANCH.

Committee:

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Mullins — Mr. and Mrs. Taylor
Mr. and Mrs. Perrin — Mr. and Mrs. White Wallis
Mrs. Yeoman

Hon. Sec. and Treas.: Miss Fothergill, 109, Abbey Road, N.W.

Number of Members, 27.

This Branch was inaugurated on February 24th.

List of Lectures:—

February 24th.—"What is the Parents' National Educational Union?" Mrs. Steinthal.

March 24th.—"The part that pleasure should play in any scheme of education." Miss Edith A. Barnett.

A meeting was held on April 29th, when Miss Walter, of the Central Foundation School for Girls, Spital Square, E., gave the address. Eighteen of the members subscribe to the *Parents' Review*.

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LEEDS BRANCH.

President: Mrs. Gibson.

Committee:

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Branch Representative: Mrs. Francis Steinthal, Wharfemead, Ilkley.

Number of Members, 58.

The Executive Committee have to report that satisfactory work has been done by the Leeds Branch during the past year. Six lectures have been given, and one by Miss Helen Webb is arranged for June. Three of these meetings have been held in drawing rooms.

During the past year a Children's Natural History Club has been started, also a small Debating Society among the members, and five members have kindly consented to give short addresses at Mothers' Meetings.

List of Lectures:—

October 30th, 1896.—"The Training of the Will." Miss Caroline Herford.

November 27th, 1896.—"The Home Training of Boys and Girls in their 'teens." The Hon. Mrs. Lyttleton.

December 15th, 1896.—"A Religious Basis essential in the Education of the Young." Rev. Canon Bullock.

January 12th, 1897.—"Home Occupations of Children." Professor L. C. Miall, F.R.S.

February 27th, 1897.—"Language Teaching." Mademoiselle Duriaux.

March 5th, 1897.—"Early Education." Rev. J. H. Dudley Matthews.

June, 1897.—"Habit." Miss Helen Webb, M.B. (Lond.)

A Natural History Club for Children, conducted by Miss Simpson, has been formed and commenced work on October 9th, 1896.

Once a month there has been a lecture, and once a month a more informal meeting where the children may ask questions, bring specimens, &c., on which they want information, thus making the meetings fortnightly. The meetings are held on Friday afternoons at 3 o'clock, in the Lecture Room of the Yorkshire Ladies' Council of Education, 90, Albion Street, and there is a large attendance.

Miss Simpson will also arrange excursions during the summer, and an annual exhibition of members' collections and work will be held.

The Lending Library numbers 39 valuable works on Education.

A small Debating Club has been formed; the meetings last for 30 minutes and are held after each monthly meeting of the Union. There is no extra fee, but only members desiring to take part in the debates are admissible.

Five ladies have kindly consented to address mothers' meetings, etc., when desired to do so.

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READING BRANCH.

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HASTINGS GILFORD, Esq., F.R.C.S., Norwood House.

Hon. Librarian - Mr. W. SALMON, 54, London Street.

Number of Members, 148.

The Committee report continued progress and increased activity. There is an average attendance of about 80, and discussion follows each address. The number of members has increased from 117 to 148. Six meetings have been held during the year, at which the following lectures were given.

List of Lectures:—

May 30th, 1896.—"Memory." Rev. W. HUME CAMPBELL, M.A.

June 27th, 1896.—"Fine Art and Education." F. BATE, Esq.

September 26th, 1896.—"Co-education." Miss E. C. POLLARD, B.Sc.

November 28th, 1896.—"Obedience." T. G. ROOPER, Esq., H.M.I.

January 28th, 1897.—"Language Teaching." Mdlle. H. E. DURIAUX.

March 18th, 1897.—"Heimatskunde as an early training in Observation and a basis for subsequent teaching of History and Geography." H. I. MACKINDER, Esq., M A.

LIBRARY.—There has been a steady demand for the books in the lending library. Eleven new books have been purchased, making a total of 81. No new publications have been issued by the Branch, and Mrs. Hart-Davis's paper on "Family Life" is now sold out. There are still about 400 copies of the "Suggestions for the Management of Young Children," by Mr. and Mrs. Hart-Davis and Mr. Hastings Gilford, which can be had from the Hon. Sec.

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NATURAL HISTORY CLUB.

President - Mrs. R. H. HART-DAVIS.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer:

Miss C. E. STRACHAN, B.A., 209, London Road.

Committee:

Mrs. EDMINSON. Miss HART-DAVIS. T. L. HAWKINS, Esq.

The work of the Club has been carried on by the members with considerable vigour and success. Since its inauguration on February 4th, 1896, the membership has steadily increased to 143, the number of children being 82.

The following Monthly Meetings have been held:—

April 14th, 1896.—Lecture to children, by B. I. AUSTIN, Esq., F.L.S., on "Nature's Companionship."

May 9th, 1896.—Excursion to Dunsden for field work. Address by Mr. HAMM. 62 present.

June 13th, 1896.—Excursion to Burghfield Common for fieldwork. Address by Mr. LESLIE, F.L.S. 81 present.

July 25th, 1896.—Excursion to Streatley Hill for field work. Address by Mr. TUFNAIL. 35 present.

August 29th, 1896.—Excursion to Bucklebury Common for field work 24 present.

October 24th, 1896.—First Annual Exhibition.

November 21st, 1896.—Lecture on English Birds (postponed owing to sudden death of Mr. DOWSETT).

December 16th, 1896.—Lecture to children, by Miss E. C. POLLARD, B.Sc. Subject: "African Animals."

February 25th, 1897.—Lecture to children, by Mrs. CHANNING. Subject: "Queer Friends."

April 6th, 1897 —Lecture to children, by Rev. J. E. TARBAT, M.A. Subject: "A Country Walk."

April 10th, 1897.—Excursion to Arborfield for field work.

In addition, "Nature Letters" were sent round to the members in January and March of this year, which were very helpful in keeping up the interest at a time of year when excursions were not so practicable.

The Committee acknowledge with gratitude the kindly and generous assistance given by Mr. Hamm, Mr. Leslie, and Mr. Tufnail, in furthering the work of the Club.

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RICHMOND AND KEW BRANCH.

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Mrs. D. H. SCOTT
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Hon. Secretary: Miss LEESON MARSHALL, 6, Chislehurst Road, Richmond.
Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. G. LEESON MARSHALL, 6, Chislehurst Rd., Richmond.
Branch Representative: Mrs. BANKS.

Number of Members, 29.

This Branch was inaugurated in November, 1896, by Mrs. E. L. Franklin and Miss Helen Webb, M.B. Since then a lecture has been given each month, and the attendance has been on the whole satisfactory. Classes have been held for Brush work, Tonic sol-fa singing, and Dancing. An excursion for children to Kew Gardens was held in April, and a natural history and historical trip up the river has been announced for June.

List of Lectures:—
December 9th, 1896.—"Obedience." T. G. ROOPER, Esq., H.M.I.
January 12th, 1897.—"The Value of Games." Miss LAWRENCE.
February 16th, 1897.—"Children's Music." Mrs. SPENCER CURWEN.
March 16th, 1897.—"Mental overstrain in Education." G. E. SHUTTLEWORTH, Esq., M.D.

SCARBOROUGH BRANCH.

President: The Right Rev. the LORD BISHOP OF HULL.

Vice-Presidents:

F. GODFREY, Esq., M.B.
Rev. W. R. RAVEN HART
JOSHUA ROWNTREE, Esq.

Committee:

Mrs. E. A. COOPER
Mrs. J. ELLIS
Mrs. T. J. HART
Mrs. W. R. RAVEN HART
Miss THEEDAM
Mrs. TABOR
Mrs. ED. WALLIS

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. GEORGE ROWNTREE, 14, Valley Bridge, Scarborough.
Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. GODFREY, 5, Montpellier Terrace, Scarborough.
Branch Representative: Mrs. J. E. ELLIS.

Number of Members, 85.

With the exception of one meeting, the third year of work has been completed. The Committee feel there is cause for great encouragement in the fact that 22 new members have joined the Union, and that there has been an average attendance of 50 at all meetings.

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List of Lectures:—
October 15th.—"Education out of School." Miss E. A. BARNETT.
November 18th and 20th.—"Brush Drawing." Mrs. STEINTHAL.
February 26th.—"Health in the Nursery." F. GODFREY, Esq., M.B.
December 3rd.—"Children's Prayers." The LORD BISHOP OF HULL.
January 20th.—"Forgetting." Mrs. MIALL.
March 25th.—"The Atmosphere at Home" By Mrs. JERROLD.
June 12th.—"Neurotic Children." Dr. HELEN WEBB.

This winter a children's Natural History Club has been formed. The membership is already over 70, and during the Christmas holidays four excursions and four lectures took place for marine work. During the Spring botany will be studied. Excursions and lectures are being arranged. Valuable assistance with the excursions and lectures has been given by the "Scarboro' Field Naturalist Society."

SHEFFIELD BRANCH.

Committee:

Mrs. BLAKENEY
Mr. and Mrs. W. P. TURNBULL
Rev. J. E. and Mrs. MANNING
Rev. V. W. and Mrs. PEARSON
Rev. ED. and Mrs. SENIOR
Mrs. H. J. WILSON
Mrs. WOODHOUSE
Mrs. J. W. WILSON

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: Mrs. J. NEWTON COOMBE, Brocco Bank.

Number of Members, 36.

Three meetings have been held during the session, and a fourth is fixed for April 9th. The addresses have been so arranged as to deal with education under the following heads, in accordance with the principles of the Union—physical, mental, moral and spiritual.

List of Lectures:—
October 4th, 1896.—"Education out of School." Miss E. A. BARNETT.
December 10th, 1896.—"The Rights of Children." Mrs HALLOWES.
January 28th, 1897.—"The Limitations of Parental Responsibility." Mrs. PHILLP.
April 9th, 1897.—"The Physical Education of Girls." Miss VEDA STURGE.

SOUTHPORT BRANCH.

President: Lady WHELER.
Vice-President: Mrs. J. M. DIXON.
Hon. Secretary: Mrs. JAMES DIXON, 8, Preston Road, Southport.
Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. REES, Elsinore Park Avenue, Southport.

Number of Members, 46.

Four lectures have been given and one meeting held to conclude the present Session, when Mrs. Steinthal, Miss Shaw and Miss Simon addressed the members.

November 17th, 1896.—"Short Hours *versus* Long Hours." Mrs. MIALL
December 8th, 1896.—"A Lesson in Geography." Miss STEAD
January 27th, 1897.—"Birds." Miss TAYLOR
February 16th, 1897.—"Hints on Home Nursing." Dr. TREADGOLD

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WALLASEY BRANCH.

Committee:

Mrs. CRAIGMILE — Miss STALEY
Mrs. HILL — Miss VYNER

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. ALBERT WRIGHT, The Springs, Wallasey.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. STALLYBRASS, Sandy Knowe, Wallasey.

Number of Members, 40.

Six lectures have been delivered during the past Session, upon physical, mental, moral and spiritual subjects; some of the lectures were particularly appreciated.

List of Lectures:—

October 29th, 1896.—"Formation of Good Habits." Mrs. FRANKLIN
November 27th, 1896.—"Psychology of Attention." Miss STURGE
December 4th, 1896.—"Health and Physical Education of Children." Dr. CRAIGMILE
January 29th, 1897.—"Training and Inheritance." Miss E. A. BARNETT
February 26th, 1897.—To Nurses Only. Mrs. RAFFLES BULLEY
March 26th, 1897.—"God and the Child." Rev. MAURICE LÜTNER

A Swedish Drill Class has been formed for the members of the P.N.E.U., and the services of a Swedish lady, who has a class of 37 children, have been secured.

WEYBRIDGE BRANCH.

President: Rev. W. B. MONEY.

Committee:

Mrs. BARNES — Mr. and Mrs. VERNON HARCOURT
Mrs. BRAMWELL — FRANK NEWBOLT, Esq.
Mr. and Mrs. BUTLER — M. E. SADLER, Esq.
Miss DAWES — Rev. J. E. TARBAT
Mrs. RUTSON.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. FRANK NEWBOLT, Oakley Lodge, Weybridge.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. SADLER, Eastwood, Weybridge.

Number of Members, 25.

Weybridge Branch was started in October, 1896; there are 25 Members, 17 of whom take the *Parents' Review*. The classes have been much enjoyed and well attended, and the lectures have been much appreciated.

List of Lectures:—

October 24th, 1896.—Opening Meeting. Miss HELEN WEBB, M.B., Mr. PERRIN.
November 21st, 1896.—"Obedience." T. G ROOPER, Esq., H.M.I.
January 21st, 1897.—"Brush Drawing." Mr. COOKE.
February 19th, 1897.—"The New Education." Lady ISABEL MARGESSON.
March 13th, 1897.—"Language Teaching." ARTHUR SIDGWICK, Esq.

A Brush Drawing Class has been held by Mrs. Kennedy. The Rev. J. E. Tarbat has given fortnightly lessons in Natural History to children. Mr. Tarbat gives these lessons out of doors when the weather is fine.

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WIMBLEDON BRANCH.

Chairman: The Rev. F. S. COLMAN.

Committee:

Mrs. BURRELL — Mrs. TRISTRAM
Mrs. HORSFALL — Mrs. INGRAM WALKER
Miss NOBLE — Mrs. WOLRYCHE WHITMORE

Hon. Secretary:

Miss LUCY B. SHAKSPEARE, Kingsley Gate, Berkeley Place, Wimbledon.

Hon. Treasurer:

The Rev. Sir PEILE THOMPSON, Cottenham, Copse Hill, Wimbledon.

Branch Representative:

Mrs. TRISTRAM, Rounds House, Wimbledon Common.

Number of Members, 34.

A preliminary Meeting was held in July, at which it was decided to start a Branch of the Union in Wimbledon. A Committee met in September, and a series of Lectures was arranged, and a Botany Class started. Since then, other Classes in Carpentry and Zoology for children have been arranged. The number of members has increased, as the Meetings have become more generally known.

List of Lectures:—

November 6th, 1896.—"The Objects and Aims of the Society." The Rev. F. S. COLMAN.
November 27th, 1896.—(Debate) "The Appeal to Authority is injurious to Moral Education." Lady ISABEL MARGESSON.
December 19th, 1896.—"The Curwen System." FRAULEIN GOEDHARDT.
January 28th, 1897.—"How P.N.E.U. helps its Members." Mrs. FRANKLIN
February 10th, 1897.—"Language Teaching." Mdlle. DURIAUX.
March 19th, 1897.—"The Choice of Literature for the Young." ROLAND MCNEILL, Esq.

A Botany Class for Adults has been held during the Autumn and Spring terms, by Mr. E. Cooke, at the Lynch, Clifton Road, by kind permission of Mrs. Wolryche Whitmore. Fourteen attended the first session, and 10 the second.

Classes for Carpentry were held during the Christmas holidays, at which there were 11 in the senior, and 4 in the junior class.

A few Botany Lessons to children were also given in the holidays by Mr. E. Cooke.

A Zoology Class by Mrs. St. George Reid is held for boys and girls of about 11 years of age and upwards, at Mrs. Arthur Holland's house; at the end of the course a visit to the Zoological Gardens or Natural History Museum is organized for the Class.

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WOODFORD AND WANSTEAD BRANCH.

President: Mrs. Henry Fowler.

Committee:

Mrs. Doughty
Mrs. Arnold F. Hills
Mrs. Primrose Pechey
Mrs. Pedley
Mrs. Cecil Pelly
Mrs. Albert Wilson
Mrs. Whittaker

Hon. Sec: Mrs. Spedding Curwen, Bywell, South Woodford

Hon. Treasurer: Miss E. L. Fowler, Glebelands, South Woodford.

Number of Members, 45.

List of Lectures:—

October 26th, 1896.—"Nursery Hygiene." Dr. C. Wickham.

November 25th, 1896.—Business Meeting.

December 18th, 1896.—"Competitive Examinations." Mrs. Hamilton.

February 22nd, 1897.—"The Attitude of the Educated Classes towards the Nursery." Mrs. Sieveking.

March 30th, 1897.—"Diet in Childhood." J. Oldfield, Esq., M.A.

Three meetings were held to read "Home Education," with an average attendance of five.

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A REPORT

OF THE

Natural History Club,

AND OF THE

EXHIBITION OF COLLECTIONS,

For the Year 1896.

OBJECTS.

1. The objects of the Natural History Club are:—

   1st. To promote the systematic study of Natural History.

   2nd. To stimulate and guide amateurs in giving Nature Lessons.

Subscriptions.

	£	s.	d.
For Membership and one course of letters ..	0	10	0
,, ,, ,, two courses ,, ..	1	0	0
,, ,, only	0	2	6

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PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 1897.

DURING 1897, two courses of letters are to be issued: (1) on Botany, in continuation of the courses of 1895 and 1896; and (2) on Natural History Lessons in House, Garden and Field.

The subscription having been lowered to ten shillings the letters will be less detailed than those hitherto issued by the Club, and they will not be illustrated, but it is hoped they will serve as a useful guide to the study of the year, if they are used with the text-book which Mr. Rowbotham will recommend for each course.

It should be inspiriting to both teachers and pupils to know that they are working alongside many other Club Members, and that at the Annual Exhibition the result of this definite scheme will be shown.

The Committee hope that all those who took in the letters this year will continue their subscription for 1897, and that many new Members will be enrolled.

The Secretary will be glad to receive the names of new Subscribers *at once*, as arrangements have to be made as soon as possible for the work of the coming year.

In addition to the monthly letters the Committee hope to arrange Natural History Excursions during the months of May, June and July. These will be primarily intended for children over seven, but older members may join should they wish to do so. They will take place on Wednesday afternoons, and will be conducted by Miss Whitley, B.Sc. The class will be taken to localities not more than an hour's distance from London, by a train leaving London at about two, and will return about six. They will be encouraged to find flowers, fossils, etc., for themselves, will be told the names and characters, and will on each occasion be given some definite instruction on the natural history of objects found. The fee for ten excursions will be 10s. Arrangements will be made for reduced railway fares.

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These excursions have already been tried by several branches of the P.N.E.U., and have met with great success. The advantages of making the children acquainted with Nature as she lives, and of showing town children the country in the spring, will be apparent.

The Committee feel that if Country Branches would arrange similar excursions, and if their members would also subscribe for the letters, the value of the club would be greatly enhanced, and a large band of nature lovers would be raised up.

All particulars of the proposed excursions may be had from Miss Blogg, 28, Victoria Street, S.W.

REPORT OF NATURAL HISTORY CLUB, 1896.

The work of the Club has been steadily continued throughout the year under the guidance of Mr. F. Rowbotham. He has written for the members monthly letters on Botany, Geology, and "Lessons from our Walks."

The number of Subscribers for letters has been as follows:—

For the Junior Botany Course	28
,, ,, Geology ,, ...	8
,, Senior Botany ,, ...	2
,, "Lessons from our Walks" ..	22
	60

In the course on Botany the pupils have studied the structure and function of leaves. They have examined many flowers, and some examples of the remarkable adaptive mechanism to be met with in flowers have been explained. One letter was devoted to the flower of the spotted orchis, and reference was made to the relations of flowers and insects. The structure and classification of fruits formed the subject of several letters, and examples were given of the adaptation of means to ends. One point dwelt upon was the colour of fruits in relation to the

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birds which seek them for food. The two last letters of the year contained a summary of instruction given in flower-structure, and an explanation of the terms used in describing flowers.

In the Geology course, the subject of Fossils and Fossilisation, which was begun in the December letter of last year, was continued, and many lessons were given on the various tribes of animals and plants whose remains have helped to build up the rocks of the earth's crust. Glaciers and their work, and the evidences of glacial action in our own country, formed the subject of several letters, whilst other letters dealt with Volcanic rocks, and the classification of the Sedimentary rocks,—the latter with a special view to the arranging of a collection of specimens. The December letter contained a *résumé* of the two years' lessons.

In the "Lessons from our Walks" the members have been led to study the effects of frost and cold, the life of frogs, the habits of worms, of the aphis, of spiders, of cockroaches, wasps, and caterpillars, and other creatures that may be seen in town walks. One letter dealt with the interests of the sea-shore, and others gave instructions on keeping a fresh-water aquarium.

These courses of letters for 1895 may still be had, and new Subscribers to the Botany course are advised to begin with the letters issued in 1895, which will be sent to them month by month.

REPORT OF THE ANNUAL EXHIBITION, 1896.

The Fourth Annual Exhibition took place on November 20th and 21st, and the thanks of all who attended it are due to Mrs. E. A. Franklin for again placing the large rooms at 50, Porchester Terrace, at the disposal of the Committee.

The exhibition was open as last year for two days, opportunity being thus given for many visitors to see it. There were about 100 exhibits, and it is thought that as many as 300 people came to see the exhibition.

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The Committee were most grateful to Mrs Perrin and to Miss Chichester for entrusting to them the beautiful paintings of flowers and the collection of dried fruits, the sight of which must have inspired many of the younger members of the Club.

The Committee received with much pleasure, the excellent collections from the Ilkley and the Reading Natural History Clubs, and are glad to learn that various Branches are starting Clubs of their own. They hope that in 1897 many of these Clubs will be represented in the London Exhibition.

The exhibits were again sent to Whitechapel, where 1,000 or more children and teachers came too see them. Owing to its being a school holiday, there was a much greater rush of visitors than was at all anticipated, and in consequence the Committee fear that some exhibits were damaged. This will not occur again, and therefore the Committee hope that even exhibitors whose collections suffered will be so good as to send collections in 1897.

In one of the rooms at 50, Porchester Terrace, Miss Vinter, late Head-Mistress of the Swansea High School, gave a most interesting lecture on the movements of aquatic animals. Her audience was largely composed of young people and children, who showed much interest in the subject and in the beautiful lantern slides. Under cover of the darkness the little ones among the audience became quite conversational.

Miss Hall, Curator of the Whitechapel Museum, very kindly came to judge the exhibits.

It will be noticed that the larger number of the collections were of botanical specimens. This was no doubt the result, in part, of the resolution passed by the Committee that stuffed animals and birds, butterflies and birds' eggs, etc., would not be shown this year. The Committee hope, however, that next year some Members will make observations of the animal world, and send to the exhibition reports of these, and that such zoological collections will be contributed as can be made without taking

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away life. Collections for instance, of the skulls and bones of animals which can often be picked up, of feathers, and of nests of birds and insects which have been discarded by their owners.

It is most encouraging to notice that the collections are becoming more scientific; that there is an attempt made to illustrate some definite function of plants, such as seed-scattering, and of some of the smaller groups of Natural History objects.

The Committee feel that the interest of the Exhibition would be much increased if members would make collections illustrative of special branches of study next year, though they do not wish in any way to discourage general collections. They suggest that intending exhibitors should send in their names as being willing to illustrate the Natural History of a district, or of a lane, pond, or garden; or some other small department of Natural History. Especially would those, who could show the possibility of town collections, confer a benefit on their fellow members.

The Committee would be glad to furnish a list of desired exhibits, as a suggestion to members who approve of this plan; and many hints may be gathered from a most interesting article by M. H. James in the *Parents' Review* for December, 1895.

CHILDREN'S COUNTRY HOLIDAY FUND NATURAL HISTORY CLUB.

On Tuesday, February 9th, a meeting was held at Toynbee Hall, when Mrs. Franklin spoke to the Committee and friends of the Children's Country Holiday Fund on the possibility of inducing children sent away into the country to take some intelligent and real interest in Nature, and by so doing, rendering their holiday not only of physical but of mental and moral benefit, and of awakening in them a love and reverence for Nature which should remain a source of joy to them all through life. How could this be done? First of all there was the method of teaching the children to see "mental pictures"

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Let them look well at a landscape until they have a perfect image of it in their mind's eye, and the pictures so obtained may be to them an unending source of delight, that in dull dark days, amongst sordid and miserable surroundings, they may be able to conjure up, with a magic wand as it were, green fields and streams, hills and valleys, or a vision of the sea.

Then, might they not learn something of the reverence for life—animal life and plant life—by being encouraged to *observe* and to open their eyes, even in ever so small a degree, to the infinite wonder and mystery of the world of Nature surrounding them. It is a well-known fact that children sent from the London slums into the country think the country dull, and invariably find their way to the nearest town or railway station. A few suggestions as to what might be done in a very small way were drawn up by Miss Hall, Curator of the Whitechapel Museum, and these it is thought might be carried out without involving a very great deal of trouble on the already overworked and overburdened Country Visitors and others connected with the Children's Country Holiday Fund.

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THE HOUSE OF EDUCATION, AMBLESIDE.

The OBJECT of the House of Education is to provide for women a special training in the knowledge and the principles which belong to their peculiar work, namely, *the bringing up of children*. It is needless to enlarge on the value of training in giving impulse and direction as well as knowledge and power; and this work on special lines should be of incalculable service to all who may, in any way, be concerned in education.

Candidates for admission must have received a sound education.

The Students of the House of Education are :—

(*a*) Ladies (young ladies especially) who undergo training to enable them to fulfil the more intelligently any guardianship of children to which they may be called. These need pass no preliminary examination.

(*b*) *Primary Governesses:* that is, ladies who desire to qualify as governesses to young children. These must pass an easy entrance examination as a test of general knowledge.

(*c*) *Secondary Governesses:* that is, ladies who wish to qualify as governesses to more advanced pupils. These should, as a rule, hold certificates of attainments, though such certificates are not indispensable as the entrance examination affords a test.

French and German governesses who have undergone training at the House of Education are in very great request. So, too, are trained English governesses who hold diplomas earned abroad; and, also, ladies who have studied at either of the Women's Colleges.

The work of this college is entirely *Training* and not *Teaching:* it may be classed broadly under the following heads :—

I. Psychology, Ethics, and the History and Philosophy of Education. The aim of Education, as presented to the students, is, To produce a human being at his best—physically, mentally, morally, and spiritually—quickened by the enthusiasms of religion, of goodness, of nature, of knowledge, of art, of literature, and of manual work.

II. The Practice of Education, under direction and criticism (in the Practising School, which is arranged on the lines of Home School-rooms); the work is tested by a lesson given by each student before Mr. Rooper, the marks she receives going towards her Certificate.

III. The teaching of Modern Languages on the Gouin system. Much attention is paid to this branch of the work on account of its educational value; this lies chiefly in the training it affords in the power of attention, and to the imagination, as well as to the ear and vocal organs in perceiving and producing new vocables.

IV. Nature-Lore, which includes the acquiring of familiar acquaintance with the natural objects—wild flowers and fruits, trees, bird and insect life—of this beautiful country; field work (in Botany, Natural History, and Geology), and the keeping and illustrating with brush drawings of a Nature Diary. The "NATURE-LORE" CERTIFICATE assures a knowledge which should enable the governess to gratify

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the intelligent curiosity of children, or to introduce her older pupils to the delightful pursuits of the field naturalist. The "Nature-Lore" work is supplemented by definite scientific teaching in Biology, etc., with use of microscope.

V. Art: Modelling in Clay, Drawing in Chalk, and Brushwork, on broad artistic lines. The students have also weekly instructions in art, chiefly Italian, at the house of a friend, and the opportunity of seeing reproductions of those pictures and buildings described by Mr. Ruskin: they thus become acquainted, to some extent, with his ethical and artistic teaching, and prepared to guide the taste of their pupils, and to enjoy foreign travels with perceptive minds, and hearts "more deeply satisfied and more divinely athirst."

VI. The teaching of Singing and the Piano on *educative* and intelligent methods.

VII. Hygiene. The students are examined for the Diploma of the National Health Society, which guarantees such knowledge of Human Physiology, Nursing, and "First Aid," as will fit the holders to take intelligent care of children in health and to give intelligent help in sickness; and will also enable them to teach on the lines on which they have themselves been taught. The art of taking walks, games (hockey, etc.), Ling's Swedish Drill, and graceful calisthenic exercises, especially with the ball, are amongst the means of health and happiness to the use of which the students are trained.

VIII. Arts and Crafts. Prominence is given to manual training both for its own sake and as giving a just balance to character, and a variety of interests in life. Among the subjects taught are cardboard Sloyd (Leipsic and Swedish), bookbinding, woodcarving, Japanese paper-folding, basket making, bent iron work, leather and brass work, needlework, various lace stitches, knitting and netting. Cooking is taught with a view to teaching children to cook.

The students are trained to carry their pupils through the progressive classes of the *Parents' Review* School, which includes Latin, Euclid, Literature, History, Geography, etc., in addition to those subjects indicated above.

Special opportunities for literary culture are afforded to the students.

The training course for certificated teachers occupies Two Years.

Students working for the Certificate are not admitted under eighteen.

Students who enter for a *non-professional* training may be admitted somewhat under eighteen (as seventeen and a half), and may enter for one year, on the distinct understanding that they do not make professional use of their training.

The year is divided into three terms, Spring, Summer, and Winter: First, from the middle of January to the middle of April; Second, from the middle of April to the middle of July; Third, from the end of September to the middle of December.

There are two vacations, Winter and Summer, and part of each is spent by the students in Probationary teaching. A short holiday is given between the Spring and Summer terms, during which the students have the option of remaining up.

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Students enter in January.

Fees *payable in advance*, £20 a Term.

Additional expenses—Books, stationery, work materials, extra class fees, and examination fees—£2 a Term, inclusive. The students pay for their own washing.

Students *who do not propose to teach*, and are unable to enter for a year, are received for a short course of a single Term. Fee 30 Guineas: additional expenses the same as for other students. These may enter at either of the three terms if there should be a vacancy.

Each student, on completing her training, must pay a fee of £5 to the *Parents' National Educational Union*. This fee may be paid in instalments, lasting over a year, to Miss Blogg, Secretary of the P.N.E.U., at the Office, 28, Victoria Street, London, S.W.

This rule applies to all students excepting those who enter for a three months' course.

The House of Education is carried on in a finely-situated building (including Lecture Room, Practising School, &c.), in its own beautiful grounds, all the students being under one roof.

The House of Education Certificate, which is awarded to successful students at the end of their training, upon their Examinations in the Theory and Practice of Education, guarantees practical skill in teaching, some knowledge of the principles of Physical, Psychical, Ethical, Intellectual, and Religious Education, and that the student is instructed to train nerve and muscle, faculty, will, and conscience in such wise as to work towards the fullest development of children committed to her care. It also certifies a knowledge of methods of teaching and of text books; and that the student is in touch with advanced educational thought. It attests, too, that the student is trained to educate the hand by means of useful and delightful Home Arts. This certificate testifies, in a word, to some degree of the "all round" qualifications necessary to those who take in hand the education of children, and of girls up to the age of sixteen or seventeen. At that age the pupil should be able to specialise, and the aid of the highly-qualified specialist should be called in.

The Certificate will be awarded only when the student shows herself possessed of the—to adapt a phrase—enthusiasm of childhood, which makes all work of teaching and training heart-service done to God.

The interest felt in this movement is widespread, and it is not possible to supply the demand for governesses. Earnest and well-bred women who are looking out for good work are invited to offer themselves for training. The need of devoted co-workers in their labour of love is grievously felt by mothers, especially by some of those of the upper classes whose engagements press heavily upon them.

Apply to

The Secretary,

HOUSE OF EDUCATION,

AMBLESIDE.

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REPORT

ON THE

HOUSE OF EDUCATION,

1896-7.

IT was five years in January, 1897, since the House of Education was opened. It began in a small house, with four students, to whom a year's training was given. In January, 1895, the course of training was extended to two years, and the College removed to its present beautiful home, capable of accommodating the thirty students now in residence. In the five years of its existence eighty-five students have been trained in the House of Education. It is a source of great satisfaction to think that each of these, so far as we have been able to ascertain, is highly valued and thoroughly happy in the post she fills.

The House of Education largely owes its prosperity to its former students, in that new students of each year are commonly friends or sisters of those who have been trained before, and several applications for teachers come from neighbourhoods where one student has already been placed.

The faithfulness of the students to P.N.E.U. principles of Education is beyond praise. Every letter contains records of formation of habits, of opportunities taken to present inspiring ideas, of living teaching, watchful training of character and loving fellowship with the children under their care.

This experiment of governesses trained distinctly for work in private families has proved a great success. The fostering interest of the Committee representing the Parents' National Educational Union in the welfare of each student, and the sense that they are not unimportant members of a great society, is not without its influence on the work of the students.

(Signed) C. M. MASON,
Principal.

HOUSE OF EDUCATION CLASS LISTS.

EXAMINATION FOR HOUSE OF EDUCATION CERTIFICATE, AFTER TWO YEARS' TRAINING.

MIDSUMMER, 1896.—FIRST CLASS.

	Marks for Practical Teaching. (max. 300)	Marks for Theory. (max. 300)	TOTAL. (max. 600)
L. Gray	255	248	503

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	Marks for Practical Teaching. (max. 300)	Marks for Theory. (max. 300)	TOTAL. (max. 600)
	SECOND CLASS.		
K. Conder	240	160	**400**
	FIRST CLASS.		
*E. Crouch	259	270	**529**
*E. Mulloney	253	270	**523**
	DECEMBER, 1896.—FIRST CLASS.		
	(max. 100)	(max. 100)	(max. 200)
M. Clark	80	72	**152**
M. Conder	80	68	**148**
	SECOND CLASS.		
M. Neild	80	63	**143**
M. P. Earwaker	80	55	**135**
G. Flewker	80	50	**130**
	THIRD CLASS.		
M. Powers	80	36	**116**
G. Edwards	45	52	**97**

(*Signed*) P. A. BARNETT, M.A., H.M.I.
T. G. ROOPER, M.A., H.M.I.

EXAMINATION OF NATURE NOTE BOOKS.

MIDSUMMER, 1896.

CLASS I.—L. Gray, E. Mulloney, E. Crouch.
CLASS III.—K. Conder.

DECEMBER, 1896.

CLASS I.—M. P. Earwaker, G. Flewker, M. MacSheehy.
CLASS II.—M. R. Clark, E. Gray.
CLASS III.—M. Conder, M. R. Neild, M. Powers, G. Edwards.

(*Signed*) H. G. GELDART.

EXAMINATION IN SLOYD, INCLUDING VARIOUS HANDIWORKS.

MIDSUMMER, 1896.

TEACHERS' CERTIFICATE.—G. Flewker.
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CHRISTMAS, 1896.

TEACHERS' CERTIFICATE, FIRST CLASS.—M. Disbrey, M. J. Flower, H. J. Morony, A. M. Young.

ELEMENTARY CERTIFICATE.—E. Beddon, E. Smith, E. R. Gray, N. Clark, E. M. Hartley, M. S. Mackenzie, A. Moore, M. Page.

(*Signed*) W. MARSH.

EXAMINATION FOR THE NATIONAL HEALTH SOCIETY.

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PASSED WITH DISTINCTION.—E. L. Mulloney, M. R. Clark.
PASSED.—K. M. Conder, G. Flewker, E. Crouch, M. Conder, M. Neild, M. P. Earwaker, M. H. Powers.

CHRISTMAS, 1896.

PASSED WITH DISTINCTION.—M. Page.
PASSED.—M. Flower, E. P. Gray, L. E. Beddon.

SCIENCE AND ART DEPARTMENT, SOUTH KENSINGTON.

EXAMINATION IN BOTANY, MAY, 1896.

H. Morony, M. Page, E. Crouch, M. R. Clark. K. Conder, M. I. Flower, A. M. Young, A. S. Moore, E. L. Mulloney, M. P. Earwaker.

EXAMINATION IN HYGIENE, MAY, 1896.

ADVANCED CERTIFICATE.—L. Gray, N. Stott, K. Conder.
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Conducted by Miss Charlotte M. Mason.

MOTTO:—"I AM, I CAN, I OUGHT, I WILL."

The object of the Parents' Review School is to help parents whose children are taught at home, by mother or governess, in the following ways:—

(*a*) To secure a common standard of attainment, so that the home-taught child shall be equal to the rest when he goes to school.

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(*b*) To do this without sacrificing individual development, and the following of the bent of each child's tastes and powers.

(*c*) To introduce good methods and good text-books into the home schoolroom.

(*d*) To foster the habits of attention, punctuality, diligence, promptness, and the power of doing given work in a given time.

(*e*) To secure the gain of definite work upon a given syllabus, without the danger of "cram," and with some freedom in the choice of subjects.

(*f*) To test and encourage the home-school from term to term by examinations, testing intelligent knowledge rather than verbal memory.

(*g*) To give the home-taught child advantages which the school-taught child possesses.

(*h*) In a word, while increasing rather than diminishing the leisure of the home-taught child, to counteract any dawdling, dilatory, procrastinating habits, which put him at a disadvantage as compared with the smarter school-child.

This help is given in the following ways:

"Preliminary questions" are sent to mothers framed to ascertain the physical and mental development as well as the attainments of each child. Upon the answer to these, the children are classified, and a programme of work for a term is sent for the children in each class, together with time-tables, "suggestions" as to method of teaching and books to be used, and the "Rules of the School." At the end of a term the children's work is tested by an examination. Examination papers are sent at Easter and Christmas, the children's work is sent up, and the parents receive a report upon it. For the Midsummer examination the work is not sent up, but the parents send up their report.

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Fees should be paid to the account of the Principal, at the Bank of Messrs. Wakefield & Crewdson, Ambleside.

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WHAT IS THE PARENTS' NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL UNION?

The Parents' National Educational Union has arisen in response to a demand from thoughtful parents. It has grown out of their desire to study the laws which govern habit and the principles upon which to select ideas that inspire and educate; their desire to know how to deal with hereditary tendencies and how to give intelligent supervision and guidance to the development of their children's whole nature, physical, mental, moral, and spiritual.

The rapid accumulation during late years of data bearing upon the interaction of body, mind and moral sense, has made it needful to reconsider many old-established ideas about Education. Parents and teachers are now aware that they must to some extent neutralize each other's work and weaken its results, unless they take counsel together.

The Union aims at giving opportunities for the study of Educational problems, and a meeting ground for intercourse between parents, teachers, and all who are interested in Education. Special stress is laid on the use of the word Education, in its widest sense, not as meaning instruction only, but the development of the whole nature, on the underlying principle that "Character is everything." The two functions of Education (as it is understood by the Union), are the presentation of ideas and the formation of habits. These two, it will be seen, are the chief means at our disposal for the modification of character.

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PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTS.

The Central Principles, to which all Local Branches of the Society—(while free to organize themselves)—shall be pledged, are:—1. That a Religious basis of work be maintained. 2. That the series of addresses and other means employed by the Union shall be so arranged as to deal with Education under the following heads: (*a*) Physical; (*b*) Mental; (*c*) Moral; and (*d*) Spiritual. 3. That arrangements concerning Lectures, etc., be made with a view to the convenience of fathers as well as of mothers. 4. That the work of the Union be arranged to help parents of all classes. *The Objects are*: (*a*) To assist parents of all classes to understand the best principles and methods of Education, in all its aspects, and especially in those which concern the formation of habits and character. (*b*) To create a better public opinion on the subject of the training of children, and with this object in view, to collect and make known the best information and experience on the subject. (*c*) To afford to parents opportunities for co-operation and consultation, so that the wisdom and experience of each may be profitable to all. (*d*) To stimulate their enthusiasm, through the sympathy of numbers acting together. (*e*) To secure greater unity and continuity of Education, by harmonizing home and school training.

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RULES.

Name

1. The Union shall be called the "Parents' National Educational Union."

2. The Organization of the Union shall comprise:—
   (*a.*) The Council.
   (*b.*) An Executive Council.
   (*c.*) Local Branches.

The Council.

3. The Union shall be under the control of the Council, which shall consist of the President, Vice-Presidents, Honorary Officers, one representative from each Branch and co-opted members.

4. The President, Vice-Presidents, Honorary Officers and one-third of the co-opted members of the Council (who shall retire in rotation each year, but shall be eligible for re-election) shall be elected yearly at the Annual Meeting of the Council.

5. The Executive Committee shall be annually elected by the Council from among its members, and shall be responsible for the management of the Union.

6. At any Meeting of the Council five shall form a quorum.

7. The accounts of the Union shall be audited by a Chartered Accountant, who shall be appointed each year at the Annual Meeting.

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Executive Committee.

8. The Executive shall consist of the President, Honorary Officers, one representative from each Branch which received not less than fifty subscriptions, and fifteen other members who shall be elected yearly at the Annual Meeting of the Council.

9. Nominations of new Members for the Executive Committee must be sent in to the Secretary ten clear days before the date of such election. If more than fifteen members are nominated the election shall be by ballot. The Executive Committee shall be empowered to fill up any vacancy that may occur in their number during the year.

10. The Executive Committee shall meet not less than four times a year. Each year at its first Meeting a Chairman shall be elected for that year.

11. At any Meeting of the Executive Committee, three shall form a quorum.

12. No opposed business shall be transacted at any Meeting of the Executive Committee, unless previous notice of such business shall have appeared on the Agenda.

13. The Executive Committee shall have power to make or alter by-laws for the management of the Union, provided always that the by-laws be not contrary to the principles, objects, or rules, of the Union, as printed and circulated in the Annual Report

14. The Council shall decide as to what salaried Officer or Officers shall be appointed. The appointment and dismissal of such Officer or Officers, with the amount of their salaries, shall be in the hands of the Executive.

Meetings.

15. The Council shall hold an Annual Meeting to fill up vacancies in their body, to receive the Report and

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Balance Sheet of the previous year, to appoint the Auditor, to elect the Honorary Officers and Members of the Executive Committee, to decide on questions involving new departures in procedure, &c.

16. The General Annual Meeting shall be held immediately after the Annual Meeting of the Council, for the purpose of reading the Report of the past year, and for otherwise promoting the interests of the Union.

17. The Council may be summoned by the President, by the Executive Committee, or by the Secretary on the receipt of a requisition in writing from fifty members of the Union. Fourteen days notice of every Meeting of the Council must be given.

18. No Meeting shall be convened under Clause 17, unless the notice convening the same express the object for which the meeting has been summoned; and no business, other than that specified on the Notice, shall be transacted at such Meeting.

19. At all Meetings, the Chairman of each Meeting shall have a casting vote in addition to his ordinary vote.

20. No alteration shall be made in the Rules except by a two-thirds majority of those present at the Annual Meeting of the Council, or at a Council-Meeting specially convened for that purpose.

Local Branches.

21. A Local Branch of the Union may be formed in any district by or with the approval of the Executive Committee, after which such Branch itself shall be free to organise, and make its own by-laws, provided such by-laws shall not be contrary to the principles and objects of the Union.

22. Each Local Branch shall have the power to fix the amount of the Annual Subscription to be paid by its members.

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23 Each Local Branch shall send to the General Secretary, one month before the Annual Meeting each year, the name of its Representative to the Council for the coming year.

24. The Council shall publish a journal, and each member of the Union subscribing not less than ten shillings per annum shall be entitled to receive a copy of the journal as published.

25. Each Local Branch shall pay an annual capitation-fee to the Council. This annual fee shall be one shilling per subscription for Branches within the London Postal District, and sixpence per subscription for Country Branches. In addition to the annual capitation-fees, each newly established Local Branch shall pay an affiliation-fee of one guinea to the Council.

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THE

Parents' National Educational Union.

GENERAL ANNUAL REPORT,

MAY, 1898.

THE Committee have again with thankfulness to report a year of good work. During its course they believe that the Union has made real progress. It has grown both in extent and vigour, and members have every reason to hope that all is moving towards a still better future.

Conference.—Last May the first Annual Conference was held in London. This was well attended by many ordinary members as well as by not a few representatives from different Branches. The morning sittings, held at London House (by the kind permission of the Bishop of London), were attended by an average of about 90 people; 150 were present at Miss Mason's afternoon lecture at Downshire House, and between 300 and 400 members and friends came to the evening conversazione at the Portman Rooms. On this last occasion, Mrs. Boyd-Carpenter gave an eloquent address on "Links in the Home Chain"

The aim, which the organizers of this first Conference set themselves, was to spread a definite knowledge of the principles of the Union and of its Agencies, as they felt that many members hardly realize how real is the help, that the Union offers them in the training and teaching of their children, and how thorough the *education* may be whereby parents can fit themselves for their task. Papers were accordingly read, which

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should help members in working out the underlying principle of the Union, "that character is everything," and the various organizations, viz.: the Library, the Art Club, the Natural History Club, the Parents' Review School, Mothers' Educational Course, and House of Education, were explained and enlarged upon.

The Committee have had abundant testimony that those Branches, whose members attended the Conference, have thereby gained in internal growth. The representatives seem to have carried home many ideas for new work, and a juster appreciation of the scope and aims of the Union. Each Branch, thus making the acquaintance of others, the strength of unity has been better recognized, and each has come to see the advantages of belonging to a Federation or Brotherhood with ramifications all over the country.

New Branches.—Another cause for thankfulness, and further evidence of vitality, has been the formation of new Branches in various places. Last year we reported that 31 Branches were at work, now we can tell of 38, eight new Branches having been formed and one old Branch having amalgamated with another These contain, together with members unconnected with any Branch, about 2502 members.

Lectures.—Our list of Lectures has been much increased. New lecturers have spontaneously come forward to give their services. Specialists in their own particular subjects are glad to help the cause of the Union by speaking at Branch meetings, where they are sure of an earnest and thoughtful audience. Beside this, and possibly as the result of suggestions made at the Conference, many Branches have found local lecturers, and thus have been successful in eliciting the educational thought existing in their own neighbourhoods. The names of these lecturers, together with the fact that the work of the Union has received the sympathy and support, as well as the official recognition of the Educational Department, prove effectually that the importance of the work is being more recognized. A glance at the various Branch reports will show how numerous are the friends of the Union.

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Natural History Clubs.—An increased number of Branches now have their own Natural History Clubs doing good and active work. These send up exhibits to the Central Exhibition held during the Conference. An account of the Central Natural History Club follows later on in this Report.

Talks to Nurses.—Whereas last year the Committee regarded it as matter for congratulation that the Secretary of one Branch had made arrangements for P.N.E.U. Talks to Children's Nurses, they can this year report that five or six have established such courses of lessons. The importance of work in this direction cannot be overestimated. How often the habits and principles so prayerfully laboured for by parents are undermined and brought to nought by ignorance and absence of principle in the nursery. This special point has been much before the minds of the Committee during the year, and schemes for the better inspiration and training of children's nurses are at present under consideration.

Reading Circles.—Several Branches have arranged Reading Circles, when *Home Education*, and other books embodying P.N.E.U. thought, have been read and discussed. Members generally respond eagerly to the invitation to attend such readings, and feel definite advantage therefrom.

Talks at Mothers' Meetings.—As a result, possibly of suggestions thrown out at the Conference, many members have held P.N.E.U. Talks at Mothers' Meetings. Those who have done so have felt much cheered and gratified by the way in which the ideas were received. The first few chapters of *Home Education*, besides various articles in the *Parents' Review*, form a good basis for such talks. It is hoped that all over the country

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similar efforts to pass on the principles and ideas gained through the medium of the Union will be made.

Parents' Review.—The Committee can report a definite increase in the circulation of the *Parents' Review*, which has now reached over 2000. It is valued not only for its original articles, but also for the reprints it contains of papers read before the various Branches. Such papers being thereby distributed all over the Union, not only serve to awaken the interest of members everywhere, but greatly increase sympathy between the Branches.

Library.—The Lending Library at the Central Office has, during the year, increased from 328 to 389 volumes. These books have for the most part been presented to the Library. The Library is much more used than formerly. At the time of sending this report to press, 91 volumes are in circulation.

The Committee have also reason to feel encouraged when reviewing the internal growth of the Union as well as the extension of its work. Its principles and teaching are becoming more and more living truths to the members. As was noticed last year, certain definite ideas seem to have been specially worked out at Branch meetings and in articles in the *Parents' Review*. Last year the subject of "authority and docility" was much discussed. This year the question of "greater leisure for the children," "the signs of overpressure," "mental strain," and the desirability of "masterly inactivity," have been dwelt upon.

In conclusion, the Committee would urge upon all, the fact that a society is only fully alive when its members are active; and that to derive the full advantage of membership they should imbue themselves with a knowledge of the principles of the Union, by reading the *Parents' Review* and books embodying P.N.E.U. thought, and by attending the meetings regularly. They should further endeavour to spread the knowledge thus gained by finding new members and by sharing the ideas with fathers and mothers of all classes.

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PARENTS' NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL UNION, CENTRAL OFFICE ACCOUNTS.

BALANCE SHEET, 31st December, 1897.

LIABILITIES.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Cowell, *Parents' Review* Printing ..	60	0	10			
,, Rent Outstanding ..	10	17	4			
				70	18	2
,, Bayswater Branch, Subscriptions paid in Advance				2	13	2
,, Balance on General Revenue Account ..				24	4	10
				£97	16	2

ASSETS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Advertisements ..	31	0	6			
,, Branch Sales owing ..	19	6	3			
				50	6	9
,, Balance at Bank ..	44	4	7			
,, Cash at Office ..	3	4	10			
				47	9	5
				£97	16	2

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REVENUE ACCOUNT, Year ending 31st December, 1897.

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
To Rent, Gas, Salaries, Clerical Assistance	133	17	2
,, Printing and Stationery	14	10	1
,, Postages and Parcels	17	1	1
,, Travelling Expenses	6	10	7
,, Literature	10	0	0
,, Lectures	0	12	0
,, Furniture and Fittings	0	15	6
,, Belgravia Branch, Balance written off ..	0	5	11½
,, General Revenue Account, Balance transferred	17	10	2
	£201	2	6½

INCOME.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Parents' National Educational Union Subscriptions ..	15	15	10			
Donations	5	9	6			
				21	5	4
,, **Parents' Review** ..				72	13	1½
,, Affiliation Fees	7	7	0			
,, Capitation Fees	24	3	0			
				31	10	0
,, House of Education ..				59	10	0
,, Meetings				2	8	6½
,, Natural History Club, Balance transferred				7	15	6½
,, Bayswater Branch, Balance transferred				1	0	0
,, Altrincham Branch, Balance handed over by Mrs. Rigby				5	0	0
				£201	2	6½

GENERAL REVENUE ACCOUNT.

		£	s.	d.
1897. Dec. 31.	To Balance carried down ..	24	4	10
		£24	4	10

		£	s.	d.
1896. Dec. 31.	By Balance at this date ..	6	14	8
1897. Dec. 31.	,, Revenue Account, 1897 ..	17	10	2
		£24	4	10
1897. Dec. 31.	Balance brought down, 1897 ..	24	4	10

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ABSTRACT OF CASH ACCOUNT, 31st December, 1897.

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance at Bank		67	4	3			
,, Balance in hand		1	5	3½			
					68	9	6½
,, **Parents' Review,**							
Receipts	[a]	463	4	7			
Less Payments	[b]	413	18	7½			
					49	5	11½
,, Parents' National Educational Union Subscriptions ..		15	15	10			
Donations		5	9	6			
					21	5	4
,, Affiliation Fees					7	7	0
,, Capitation Fees					24	3	0
,, House of Education ..					59	10	0
,, Meetings, Receipts ..		18	5	0½			
Less Payments ..		15	16	6			
					2	8	6½
,, Altrincham Branch, Money (Balance) handed over ..					5	0	0
					£237	9	4½

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Rent, Gas, &c. [c] ..		42	10	7			
,, Salary to Secretary ..		75	16	8			
,, Clerical Assistance ..		18	7	3			
,, Audit Fee		3	3	0			
					139	17	6
,, Printing and Stationery Payments		18	9	9½			
Less Receipts ..		3	6	6			
					15	3	3½
,, Postages and Parcels ..					17	1	1
,, Travelling					6	10	7
,, Library					10	0	0
,, Lectures					0	12	0
,, Furniture and Fittings					0	15	6
,, Balance at Bank ..		44	4	7			
,, Balance in hand		3	4	10			
					47	9	5
					£237	9	4½

[a] Excludes amount due for Advertisements .. £31 0 6
Do. due from Local Secretaries 19 6 3
Includes amount paid in advance for *Parents' Reviews* 2 13 2
[b] Excludes amount due for Nov. and Dec. Printing .. 60 0 10

[c] Excludes amount due for Rent to Xmas, not paid at Dec. 31st, 1897 .. .. £10 17 4

We have examined the Books and Vouchers of the Parent's National Educational Union and certify that the foregoing Accounts are in accordance therewith.

4, Queen Victoria Street,
London, E.C.
19*th April*, 1898.

WOODMAN, TULLOCH & EDDS, Chartered Accountants, } *Auditors.*

N.B.—The great bulk of the Subscriptions and Donations are paid direct to the 36 Local Branches of the Union. These Branches pay a small proportion of their receipts as a Capitation Fee to the Central Office, as shewn in the Revenue Account.

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SESSION 1897-98.

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Number of Members 60.

List of Lectures:—

July, 1897.—"Method of Teaching French." Mdlle. DURIAUX
October, 1897.—"Exceptional Children." Dr. SHUTTLEWORTH
November, 1897.—"Long Hours *v.* Short Hours." Mrs. MIALL
January, 1898.—"Character and Surroundings." Rev. Hon. E. LYTTLETON

The Natural History Club has had a very successful year, finishing up with a very good exhibition of Geological and other specimens, its success being chiefly due to the energy displayed by the late Secretary of the N.H.C., Miss Barnett. Fortnightly rambles have been arranged for the summer months by the new joint secretaries, Misses Simpkin and Long.

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Branch Representative: Mrs. ELLIOT.

Number of Members 136.

List of Lectures:—

November 16th, 1897.—"Our Older Girls." Miss L. M. FAITHFULL.

November 26th, 1897.—"Some Causes of Illness." Dr. DES VŒUX.

December 15th, 1897.—"The Struggle between the Classical and Modern Curricula in Secondary Schools." M. E. SADLER, Esq.

January 26th, 1898.—"The Philosophy of Education." Dr. SCHOFIELD.

February 14th, 1898.—"On the Importance of Early Training." Rev. L. H. WELLESLEY-WESLEY.

March 15th, 1898.—"How to make London interesting to London Children." Miss FANNY JOHNSON.

March 29th, 1898.—"On the Training of Girls for Home Life." Mdlle. NINET.

The Meetings during the past Session have been well attended, and 20 new members have joined this Branch.

The following Classes, &c., have also been held:—

A Course of Lessons on "How to give Religious Instruction to Children," by Sister AGNES MASON.

A Course of St John's Ambulance Lectures, by Dr. J. J. MARSH.

French Classes and German Classes (Gouin Method) for Children, by Mdlle. FORCKEL.

Lessons in Singing (Tonic Sol-fa Method) to Children, by Miss MILLS.

Lectures on "Studies in Robert Browning," by the Rev. Professor SHUTTLEWORTH.

Private Dancing Classes by Miss COWPER-COLES and by Mrs. VINCENT GLASS.

Lectures on French Literature, by Mdlle. DURIAUX.

Lectures on "Housekeeping," by Mdlle. NINET.

A Class for the Practice of Concerted Music, by Miss SASSE.

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Mrs. MacIver
Rev. William Watson

Hon. Sec. and Treas.: Miss Irvine, 18, Devonshire Road, Claughton, Birkenhead.

Number of Members 66.

List of Lectures :—

October 4th, 1897.—"What Parents gain through the P.N.E.U." Mrs. Steinthal.

November 8th, 1897.—"Forgetting." Mrs. Miall.

December 13th, 1897.—"The Teaching of Modern Languages." Professor Strong.

January 26th, 1898.—"The Need of Sincerity towards our Children." Mrs. Hallowes.

February 22nd, 1898.—"The True Basis of a Rational Education." Rev. H. H. Moore.

March 8th, 1898.—"Health in the Nursery." Dr. Alice Ker.

A Natural History Club was formed last year, and during the summer months several most interesting expeditions were made, and country walks taken; the children much appreciated this effort. In October an Exhibition was held of all the work done during the preceding months, and the collections of Flowers, Feathers, and Insects were kindly criticised by Mr. Green and Mrs. Dalglish. A new Committee has been formed for this Branch of the Parents' National Educational Union in Birkenhead, and it is hoped that this summer will see a great increase in members and in interest.

Natural History Club Committee:—

President: J. Theodore Green, Esq.

Miss Cox
Miss Dalglish
Miss T. Keyworth
Miss M. MacIver

Hon. Secretary: Miss Irvine

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BOLTON BRANCH.

President:

Mrs. Edward Crook, Hetlands, Bolton.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, and Branch Representative:

Mrs. H. A. Barnes, Crompton Fold, Bolton.

Number of Members 18.

List of Lectures :—

December 8th, 1897.—Business Meeting.

January 6th, 1898.—"The Responsibility of Parents." Miss Staley (New Brighton).

February 7th, 1898.—Discussion on Richter's *Levana*.

March 21st, 1898.—"Brush Drawing." Mrs. Steinthal.

BRIGHTON BRANCH.

President: The Lady Louise Loder.

Committee :

Miss Birrell
Mrs. Blaker
Mr. William Borrer
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Dr. & Mrs. John Gordon Dill
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Mrs. Welsford

Hon. Sec. and Treas.: Mrs. R. A. Penny (*pro tem.*), Keldholm, Dyke Road Drive, Brighton.

Branch Representative: Mrs. Farrer.

Number of Members, 56.

List of Lectures :—

October 26th, 1897.—"Education for Leisure." Miss Soulsby.

February 18th, 1898.—"University Life for Girls." Miss Beth Finlay.

March 30th.—"P.N.E.U. Work." Miss Blogg.

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CHICHESTER BRANCH.

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Committee:

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Lady Maria Hood
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Mrs. Russell Walker

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Hon. Treasurer: Miss E. Gaisford, St. John's House.
Branch Representative: Mrs. Firth.

Number of Members, 23.

List of Lectures:—

October 29th, 1897.—Inaugural Meeting. Miss Mason, Miss Blogg.
February 22nd, 1898.—"Objects and Aims of the P.N.E.U." Mrs. Franklin.

DERBY BRANCH.

President: Mrs. Parez, Rose Hill House.

Committee:

Arnold Bemrose, Esq.
Mrs. Macdonald
Rev. C. H. Parez
Mrs. Rice
Miss Tuke
Rev. A. E. Vinter

Hon. Secretary: Rev. D. Macdonald, 12, Wilson Street.
Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. E. S. Johnson, Littleover Hill.
Branch Representative: Rev. C. H. Parez, Rose Hill House.

Number of Members, 53.

List of Lectures:—

May 13th, 1897.—"Natural History and Botany for the Young." Rev. Wm Linton
September 15th, 1897.—Geological Excursion to Cromford and Matlock Bath. Mr. Arnold Bemrose.
October 8th, 1897.—Demonstration in Town Museum. Mr. Arnold Bemrose.
October 19th, 1897.—Geological Demonstrations. Mr. Arnold Bemrose.
December 4th, 1897.—"Why and How Science should be taught to Children." Mr. Rooper.
February 11th, 1898.—Annual Meeting. "The use of Fiction." Mrs. Parez.
March 4th, 1898.—"Children's Interests." Miss Louch.
March 31st, 1898.—"The Evolution of Speech in Children." Dr. Ashby.

The last two in co-operation with the B.C.S.A., Derby Branch.

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DULWICH BRANCH.

President: Mr. T. J. Edwards.

Committee:

Miss Cooper
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Hon. Secretary: Mrs. G. C. Whiteley, The Chestnuts, Dulwich Common.
Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. Gordon Milligan, 58, Herne Hill.
Branch Representative: Mrs. G. C. Whiteley.

Number of Members, 47.

List of Lectures:—

October 19th, 1897.—"Eyesight in Children." Dr. G. B. Batten.
November 23rd, 1897.—"The Boy Jesus." Rev. H. S. Swithinbank.
December 2nd, 1897.—Informal Talk to Nurses. Mrs. Franklin.
December 7th, 1897.—"Childhood and Romance." Mrs. Clement Parsons.
January 11th, 1898.—"Housewifery, a neglected branch of Education." Mrs. Cannon.
February 1st, 1898.—"The Bicycle, its use and abuse." Mrs. L. T. Meade.

A Natural History Club for children is in process of formation in connection with this Branch, and the following ladies have been elected members of the committee:—

Miss B. Edwards
Mrs. Milligan
Miss Searle
Miss Steele
Miss Whiteley
Miss Woodman

Mrs. Marshall, *Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.*

The programme will shortly be issued of talks, rambles and lectures, kindly promised by friends.

EALING BRANCH.

Committee:

Miss Beard
Mrs. Earle
Mrs. Owen
Mrs. Taylor
Miss Williamson.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: Miss M. Fletcher.

Number of Members, 14.

List of Lectures:—

June 26th, 1897.—"Object and Principles of P.N.E.U." Mrs. Franklin, Mr. Rooper.
November 18th, 1897.—Lecture by Dr. Schofield.
December 16th, 1897.—"Instincts of Childhood." Mrs. Taylor.
March 9th, 1898.—"Clay-modelling." Miss Plummer.

Lessons in Clay-modelling for children.

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EASTBOURNE BRANCH.

President: The Lady LOUISE LODER.

Vice President: The Hon. Mrs. THOMAS.

Committee:

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Mrs. JAY	Mrs. WOODWARD
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Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. STRACEY, The Dall, Upperton Road, Eastbourne.

Branch Representative: Mrs. ANDREWS, Hawarden, Upperton Road, Eastbourne.

Number of Members, 60.

List of Lectures:—

October, 1897.—"Exceptional Children." Dr. SHUTTLEWORTH.

November, 1897.—"Boys." Mrs. MIALL.

December, 1897.—"Girls' Athletics." Miss LAWRENCE.

January, 1898.—"Some Physical Impediments to Education." C. ROBERTS, Esq., F.R.C.S.

February, 1898.—"Dr. Séguin." T. G. ROOPER, Esq.

March, 1898.—"Music as a factor in Education." G. LANGLEY, Esq.

EDINBURGH BRANCH.

Committee:

Mrs. ARMSTRONG	Mrs. GREENFIELD
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Mrs. CHARTERIS	J. W. BRODIE-INNES, ESQ.
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Hon. Secretaries and Treasurers:

Mrs. BARBOUR, 4, Charlotte Square.

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Number of Members 67.

List of Lectures:—

November 19th, 1897.—"Aims of Secondary Education." Professor KIRKPATRICK.

December 10th, 1897.—"Mind Building." JOHN ADAMS, Esq.

January 18th, 1898.—"The Play of Animals." J. ARTHUR THOMPSON, Esq.

February 15th, 1898.—"Naughty Boys." JOHN MARSHALL, Esq., M.A., LL.D.

March 15th, 1898.—"Education and School." JOHN J. ROGERSON, Esq., LL.D.

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ENFIELD AND DISTRICT BRANCH.

Committee:

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. ALLEN	Mr. and Mrs. JOHNS
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Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: Mrs. SMEE, Wyndcroft, Old Park Road.

Number of Members, 39.

March 28th, 1898.—Inaugural Meeting. Mrs. FRANKLIN, Miss BLOGG.

This Branch has just been inaugurated and meetings are arranged for April and May.

FARNWORTH *(Near Bolton)* BRANCH.

President: Mrs. HAROLD BARNES.

Committee:

Mrs. BUTLER Mrs. J. NUTTALL Miss ROBERTS

Hon. Secretary: Miss O. BERTRAND, Crompton Fold, Breightmet, Bolton.

Branch Representative: Mrs. HAROLD BARNES.

Number of Members, 18.

List of Lectures:—

November 8th, 1897.—"Teaching of History," illustrated by Lantern slides. Miss B. TAYLOR.

December 12th, 1897.—"A talk on Hygiene." Dr. KERSHAW.

January 31st, 1898.—"Disciplinary Methods." Rev. H. BURGESS, M.A.

February 28th, 1898.—"The Life and Work of Pestalozzi." Miss ROBERTS.

March 28th, 1898.—"On Character." Rev. J. GWYTHER, B.A.

This Branch only meets on educational questions for the present. The number of members is still small, but the meetings are better attended, and the interest is visibly growing.

FINCHLEY BRANCH.

President: Dr. MC'CLURE, Headmaster, Mill Hill School.

Committee:

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Mrs. MC'CLURE	Mrs. WALLACE
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Branch Representative: Mrs. C. H. CLAYTON.

Number of Members, 84 (42 subscriptions).

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List of Lectures :—

October 14th, 1897.—"The Practical Relation of the Educated Classes towards the Nursery." Mrs. SIEVEKING.

November 2nd, 1897.—"Letting Alone." Miss MASON.

December 9th, 1897.—Discussion by Members on "Habit." Introduced by Dr. BLAKE ODGERS.

February 3rd, 1898.—"Mental Overstrain in Education." Dr. SHUTTLEWORTH.

March 10th, 1898.—"The Advantages of the Teaching of Science." Dr. MC'CLURE.

April 14th 1898.—"Some Observations on the Education of Girls in England." Miss LAWRENCE.

May 12th, 1898.—"Professions for Girls." Mrs. STEINTHAL (announced).

There has been considerable increase of membership during the present Session. A Reading Circle was formed in February, consisting of twenty-five subscribers. Nearly all the Branch members take in the *Parents' Review*.

FOLKESTONE BRANCH.

President : The Lady JANE TAYLOR.

Committee :

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Hon. Secretary : Miss CHENEVIX-TRENCH, 28, Castle Hill.

Hon. Treasurer : Mrs. COLLINS.

Branch Representative : Miss CHENEVIX TRENCH.

Number of Members, 33.

List of Lectures :—

May, 1897.—"The Teaching of Arithmetic." Mr. SONNENSCHEIN.

June, 1897.—"Correlation of Mental and Physical Education."

November, 1897.—"The Objects and Aims of the P.N.E.U." Miss MASON.

February, 1898.—"How I met Nansen." Mr. HARMSWORTH JACKSON.

March, 1898.—Lecture on "Palestine." The Rev. W. C. COMPTON, (Headmaster of Dover College).

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Hon Treasurer : Mrs. LAING GORDON.

Branch Representative : Mrs. JAMES GRAY.

Number of Members, 28.

List of Lectures :—

January 28th, 1898.—Inaugural Meeting. Mr. ROOPER, Miss BLOGG.

February 28th, 1898.—"What the P.N.E.U. does for its members." Mrs. FRANKLIN.

March 26th, 1898.—"Observation." Dr. LAING GORDON.

May 9th, 1898.—"Art in the Nursery." Mrs. STEINTHAL.

GLASGOW BRANCH.

President : Mrs. MIRRLEES.

Committee :

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Branch Representative : Mrs. MIRRLEES.

Number of Members, 50.

List of Lectures :—

November 18th, 1897.—"Experience as a Teacher." Prof. YOUNG.

December 13th, 1897.—"Growth." Dr. T. H. BRYCE.

February 17th, 1898.—"Dietetics of Infancy." Dr. ROBERT JARDINE.

March 14th, 1898.—"Educational Hints from the study of Nature." Mr. A. SOMERVILLE.

Dr. Jardine's lecture on "Dietetics of Infancy" is printed in pamphlet form for distribution among working-class mothers.

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HAMPSTEAD BRANCH.

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Committee:

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Hon. Treasurer: G. D. Pidcock, Esq., M.D., 74, Fitzjohn's Avenue, N.W.

Branch Representative: Mrs. Howard Glover, 35, Steele's Road, N.W.

Number of Members, 111.

List of Lectures:—

October 14th, 1897.—"Civic and Moral Training in Schools." Rev. E. A. Abbott, D.D.

October 28th, 1897.—"Disposition and Character." Miss Mason.

November 17th, 1897.—"Short Hours *v.* Long Hours." Mrs. Miall.

December 15th, 1897.—"Education in America." Rev. Brooke Herford, D.D.

January 31st, 1898.—"The arrangement of the school year—Play Time and Work Time." C. Simmons, Esq., M.A.

February 11th, 1898.—"The Teaching of History." H. H. Nesbitt, Esq., M.A.

March 11th, 1898.—"Idealism in Education, from a practical point of view." J. Russell, Esq.

April, 1898.—"The nature of Habit and its bearing upon Education." Dr. Boulting.

May, 1898.—"Eyes and No Eyes on Hampstead Heath." Rev. J. Kirkman.

A course of six talks to children's nurses has been given during the past winter. Thirteen nurses attended, who showed very great interest in these meetings. The first two talks were kindly given by Miss Pridham, on "Child Nature" and "Habit." Mrs. White Wallis took the third and fourth, speaking on "Hygiene," "Nursery Occupations" and "Children's Walks." The last two, on "The Will" and "The Divine Life in the Child," have been given by Miss Wells.

The very interesting and helpful paper on "Short Hours *v.* Long Hours," which Mrs. Miall read to this branch in November, 1897, has been printed, and can be obtained at cost price (7*d.*) from the Hon. Secretary.

Since last May we have had 34 new members, and the average attendance at the monthly meetings is larger. Both these facts shew the wisdom of the step taken last year, of separating the old Hampstead and St. John's Wood Branch into two.

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HARROW BRANCH.

President: Rev. J. E. C. Welldon, M.A.

Chairman of Committee: Rev. Wayland Joyce, M.A., Vicar of Harrow.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Edward Sieveking, 4, Lyon Road, Harrow.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. Jerry Barrett, 4, Sheepcote Road, Harrow.

Number of Members 20.

List of Lectures:—

November 1st, 1897.—"Letting Alone." Miss Mason.

November 30th, 1897.—"Exceptional Children." Dr. Shuttleworth.

December 9th, 1897.—"Education." Archdeacon Thornton.

December 16th, 1897.—"Gouin Method." Mdlle. Duriaux.

February 8th, 1898.—"Neurotic Children." Dr. Helen Webb.

March 9th, 1898.—"Struggle for Existence." Dr. Schofield.

HASTINGS & ST. LEONARDS BRANCH.

Committee:

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Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, and Branch Representative:

Mrs. Edward Venables, St. Bernard's Lodge, London Road, St. Leonards.

Number of Members 68.

List of Lectures:—

October, 1897.—"The Parent as Prophet." Rev. A. J. W. Crosse, M.A., Vicar of Rye.

November, 1897.—"Homes and Schools." The Rev. Joseph Wood, D.D., Head Master of Tonbridge School.

February, 1898.—"Lord Collingwood as an Educationalist." T. G. Rooper, Esq., H.M.I.

March, 1898.—"Family Life." Mrs. Wilberforce.

April, 1898.—"Harmful effect of some modern cures for Shyness on the character of Children." Rev. Canon G. W. Daniell, M.A.

Announced for May, 1898.—"Neurotic Children." Miss Helen Webb, M.B.

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HIGHGATE BRANCH.

President: Rev. A. E. ALLCOCK.

Committee:

Miss LACEY
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Mrs. ALFRED CARR
Mrs. E. PERROUET-SELLS
Mrs. SYDNEY HOLMAN
Mrs. SARGANT

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: Mrs. W. ARTHUR SHARPE, 4, Broadlands Road.

Number of Members, 29.

List of Lectures:—

October 1st, 1897.—"The Educational Value of Games." Miss LAWRENCE.

November 26th, 1897.—"The Training of the Power of Attention." Miss M. CARTA STURGE.

November 29th, 1897.—"Habit" (Lecture for Nurses). Mrs. E. L. FRANKLIN.

February 4th, 1898.—"The Teaching of Latin and Greek in Schools." C. SIMMONS, Esq.

HYDE PARK AND BAYSWATER BRANCH.

Chairman: A. T. SCHOFIELD, Esq., M.D.

Committee:

ALGERNON C. P. COOTE, Esq., M.A.
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Mrs. HOLROYD CHAPLIN
Mrs. ROBERT DEVONSHIRE
Mrs. MORLEY FLETCHER
Dr. GLADSTONE, F.R.S.
Mrs. FREDERIC HALL
Rev. C. RIDGEWAY, M.A.
Mrs. WHITAKER THOMPSON
Mrs. WINKWORTH

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer:

Mrs. ERNEST L. FRANKLIN, 9, Pembridge Gardens, W.

Branch Representative: Mrs. WHITAKER THOMPSON.

Number of Members, 129.

List of Lectures:—

May 7th, 1897.—"At School on Hampstead Heath." Mrs. GRINDROD.

June 18th, 1897.—"Some difficulties in Home Study." Mrs. BOOLE.

October 25th, 1897.—"Some problems of Mind and Morals." Rev. and Hon. Canon E. LYTTLETON.

Nov. 25th, 1897.—"Childhood and Romance." Mrs. CLEMENT PARSONS.

Dec. 7th, 1897.—"Neurotic Children." Miss HELEN WEBB, M.B. (Lond).

Jan. 18th, 1898.—"Lost Opportunities" (with lantern slides). Miss SIMPSON.

February 18th, 1898.—"The Art of Breathing." Miss MATZKE.

March 4th, 1898.—"Art as Education." COSMO MONKHOUSE, Esq.

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Lecture announced for—

May 3rd, 1898.—"He prayeth best who loveth best
All things both great and small;
For the dear God who loveth us
He made and loveth all."

Rev. Canon BASIL WILBERFORCE, D.D.

All the members of the Branch take in the *Parents' Review*, and the attendance at lectures has been very good. Classes for Swedish drill, Slöyd and Basket work and Brush-drawing have been held during the year. An ex-student of the House of Education has conducted a series of six talks to children's nurses, based on *Home Education*. These were much appreciated. A lecture to children. on "Our Railroads," illustrated by lantern slides, was very kindly given to the children of members by Mr. ALGERNON C. P. COOTE, during the Christmas holidays, and was much enjoyed.

The central Library is much used by members of this Branch, which was also well represented at the Conference in 1897.

Twenty-one new members have joined since May, 1897, and the same number have retired, in nearly every case because they have removed to the country and joined other Branches.

ILKLEY BRANCH. *(Natural History Club.)*

Hon. Sec. (pro tem.): Mrs. FRANCIS STEINTHAL, Wharfemead.

Number of Members 150.

List of Lectures—

March 9th, 1898.—"Catkins." Miss SIMPSON of the Yorkshire College.

March 16th, 1898.—"The Lesser Celandine." ,, ,, ,,

March 23rd, 1898.—"Coltsfoot." ,, ,, ,,

March 30th, 1898.—"Insects." ,, ,, ,,

April 6th, 1898.—"Life story of a Butterfly." ,, ,, ,,

LEEDS BRANCH.

President: Mrs. GIBSON.

Committee:

Mrs. R. W. EDDISON
Mrs. GIBSON
Mrs. MIALL
Mrs. J. L. MICKLETHWAIT
Miss POWELL
Mrs. SMITHELLS
Mrs. STEINTHAL
Mrs. WICKSTEED
Mrs. WAGER

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. J. L. MICKLETHWAIT.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. MIALL.

Branch Representative: Mrs. J. L. MICKLETHWAIT.

Number of Members, 58.

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List of Lectures—

October 21st, 1897.—"On P.N.E.U." Mrs. FRANKLIN.

October 29th, 1897.—"Heart Culture." Mrs. MIRRLEES.

November 23rd, 1897.—"The Education of Leisure Girls." Miss SOULSBY.

December 16th, 1897.—"Moral Government of Children." Miss HUGHES.

February 20th, 1898.—"Health in the Nursery." Dr. GODFREY.

March 25th, 1898.—"Habit." Dr. HELEN WEBB.

The Natural History Club has been continued a second year. A lecture is given by Miss M. Simpson on the first Friday of every month. Two excursions are arranged during the month, one for the senior and one for the junior members. The club year extends from October, 1897, until July, 1898.

List of Lectures.—

October 1st, 1897.—"Moles and Hedgehogs."

November 5th, 1897.—"A Piece of Sandstone."

December 3rd, 1897.—"Frost and Snow."

February 4th, 1898.—"Early Flowers."

March 4th, 1898.—"Frogs and Newts."

April 1st, 1898.—"Sea Urchins."

Announced for May 6th, 1898.—"Crabs."

" June 3rd, 1898.—"Climbing Plants."

" July 1st, 1898.—"Wasps."

A Monthly Portfolio is circulated among the members, containing drawings and papers written by the children.

Excursions—

October 8th and 15th, 1897.—Walk from Crossgates to Roundhay.

November 12th and 19th, 1897.—Walk from Weeton to Pool to visit Stone Quarry.

December 10th and 17th, 1897.—Walk through Beckett's Park to Kirkstall Abbey.

February 11th and 18th, 1898.—Walk through Meanwood.

March 11th and 18th, 1898.

April 15th and 22nd, 1898.—Drive from Chapel-Allerton to Harewood.

Announced for May 13th and 20th, 1898.—Meet at the Canal Gardens, Roundhay. Walk through the Park.

" June 10th and 17th, 1898.—Bolton Abbey.

" July 8th and 15th, 1898.—Bardsey.

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Number of Members, 158.

List of Lectures:—

May 29th, 1897.—"The Educational Use of Stories." Miss KATE PHILLIPS.

July 3rd, 1897.—"Physical Education." R. TIMBERG, Esq.

September 25th, 1897.—"The Place of Science in the Education of Children." G. J. BURCH, Esq., M.A.

November 30th, 1897.—"How the P.N.E.U. helps its Members." Mrs. FRANKLIN.

February 10th, 1898.—"Nervous Overstrain in Education." S. DE BRATH, Esq.

March 31st, 1898.—"Mental Equilibrium." Miss M. CRUIKSHANK, M.D.

NATURAL HISTORY CLUB.

President: Mrs. R. H. HART-DAVIS.

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The Natural History Club during the past session has extended its usefulness and given proof of considerable energy and vitality. The work has been carried on by the members with increased vigour and success. Forty-one new

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members have joined during the year, and twenty-seven have left the Club owing to removal from Reading. The total number is now 152, including 94 children. The following programme has been carried out :—

May 31st, 1897.—A meeting for Parents and Teachers at Malvern House. The Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis read a paper by Mrs. Hart-Davis on "The Position of Parents and Teachers in the Natural History Club." Chairman, H. Gilford, Esq., F.R.C.S.

June 1st, 1897.—Nature Letter for June and July.

June 12th, 1897.—Excursion to Dunsden for field work. Address by Mr. Tufnail, on "The Colours of Flowers."

July 10th, 1897.—Excursion to Park Place.

August 1st, 1897.—Nature Letter for August.

September 1st, 1897.—Nature Letter for September and October.

October 2nd, 1897.—Seventh Excursion to Wellington College. Address in a Gravel Pit by Mr. Tufnail, on "Toadstools."

November 6th, 1897.—Annual Exhibition. During the afternoon an address was given by Mrs. Franklin, on the work of the members of Natural History Club. 51 Exhibits, 17 from members under 10 years.

November 19th, 1897.—Sixth Nature Letter.

January 31st, 1898.—Lecture in Abbey Hall, by Mr. W. Wing, on "Fossils and Geological Formation of the District." 70 present. Pamphlet, "Books worth Reading," on Natural History Subjects, issued by Committee.

February 31st, 1898.—Lecture on "Pond Life," by Mr. Stansfield, illustrated by Lantern Slides.

Ma ch 12th, 1898.—Demonstration in Reading Museum, by Dr. Hurry, on "Corals."

March 28th, 1898.—Lecture by Mr. Tufnail, on "The Awakening of Spring."

There has been a decided increase in membership during the current year.

The Committee gratefully acknowledge the sympathetic and kindly help given by Mr. Tufnail, Mr. Leslie, and Mr. Hamm in promoting the welfare of the Club on all occasions; special thanks are also due to Mr. Wallis for his help in writing the Nature Letters, and to Mr. Bate for designing the children's "parchment." The Committee regret that owing to Mr. Hamm's removal to Oxford, the Club has lost the benefit of his advice. Many books on Natural History have been added to the Library and it is hoped that they will soon be more widely used by the Members.

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RICHMOND AND KEW BRANCH.

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Branch Representative: Miss G. Leeson-Marshall.

Number of Members, 41.

List of Lectures:—

June 15th, 1897.—"The Hygiene of Infancy and Childhood." Dr. Taylor.
October 27th, 1897.—"Disposition and Character." Miss Mason.
November 17th, 1897.—"Teaching of Languages" Mdlle. Duriaux.
January 12th, 1898.—"Life History of a Butterfly." Miss M. Simpson.
February 15th, 1898.—"Exceptional Children." G. E. Shuttleworth, Esq., B.A., M.D.
March 11th, 1898.—"The Sphere of Parental Choice and Responsibility." Miss A. Woods.
April 28th, 1898.—"The Study of History: at which end should it begin." Sir R. Wilson.
May 5th, 1898.—"A demonstration of Brush Painting." Mrs. Steinthal.

SCARBOROUGH BRANCH.

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Number of Members, 85.

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List of Lectures:—

October 1st, 1897.—"Drawing as a means of General Education." T. R. ABLETT, ESQ.

November 4th and 5th, 1897.—"Clay-Modelling." Mrs. STEINTHAL.

Dec. 15th, 1897.—"The Moral Government of Children." Miss HUGHES.

October 20th, 1807.—"How members may be helped by the P.N.E.U." Mrs. FRANKLIN.

November 24th, 1897.—"Girls of the Leisured Classes: their Education, Culture, Duties and Hobbies." Miss SOULSBY.

February, 1898.—"Some phases of Religious Teaching of Children." Right Rev. the Lord BISHOP OF HULL.

March 26th, 1898.—"Neurotic Children." Miss HELEN WEBB, M.B.

A Reading Circle has been formed for the purpose of the better understanding of the P.N.E.U. principles. Books especially bearing on these have been read and discussed.

The Committee arranged for lectures to Children's Nurses, bearing especially upon the physical and moral training of children.

NATURAL HISTORY CLUB.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. T. J. HART, Fairfield, Avenue Road.

Lectures in the Museum:—

November 10th, 1897.—"Raincliff Wood in Autumn." Mr. D. W. BEVAN.

December 8th, 1897.—"A Chat on Ferns and Mosses" (illustrated). Mr. E. R. CROSS.

January 5th, 1898.—"Water and its Work" (illustrated by lantern views). Mr. J. C. HARRISON.

February 2nd, 1898.—"The Life of a Snail." Mr. J. A. HARGREAVES.

March 2nd, 1898.—"Bird Nesting with the Camera." Mr. W. J. CLARKE.

April 6th, 1898.—"The Anatomy of a Beetle" (with lantern illustrations). Dr. HARVEY.

Excursions were made along the shore on November 27th and December 18th, 1897, January 22nd, February 19th, and March 19th, 1898; also on April 2nd, to Cloughton Wyke, conducted by Mr. S. P. TURNBULL, B.A.

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Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: Mrs. J. NEWTON COOMBE, Brocco Bank.

Number of Members, 42.

List of Lectures:—

October 19th, 1897.—"How the P.N.E.U. helps its members." Mrs. FRANKLIN.

December 2nd, 1897.—"Example, the best way of Teaching." Mrs. WATSON.

February 9th, 1898.—"The Physical Training of Girls in Secondary Schools." Mrs. WOODHOUSE.

March 16th, 1898.—"Seeds and Seedlings." Miss SIMPSON.

April 2nd, 1898.—"Dr. Séguin." Mr. T. G. ROOPER.

SOUTHPORT BRANCH.

President: Lady WHEELER.

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Number of Members, 50.

List of Lectures:—

November and December, 1897.—(1) "A Lesson on Seashore Creatures and Treasures"; (2) "Horses, Sheep and Cattle"; (3) Spider, Fly and Ants"; (4) "Caterpillars, Moths and Beetles"; (5) "Owls, Bats and Squirrels"; (6) "A Picture History Lesson." Miss BEATRICE TAYLOR.

Owing to the illness of officers it was considered preferable to arrange a course of Nature Lectures for children during November and December.

A short period of "lying fallow" was deemed preferable to half-work. An enthusiastic reassembling is anticipated, as private work has been going on and new members have been enrolled.

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ST. JOHN'S WOOD BRANCH.

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Branch Representative: MRS. ROSCOE MULLINS.

Number of Members, 27.

List of Lectures:—

October 15th, 1897.—"Parental Choice and Authority." Miss A. WOODS, Principal of Maria Grey Training College.

November 16th, 1897.—"The Training of a Healthy Mind." Mr. E. WHITE WALLIS.

December 16th, 1897.—"How the P.N.E.U. may best help the poorer classes." Miss HALL, Curator of Whitechapel Museum.

January 12th, 1898.—"London Trees." Professor BOULGER.

February 18th, 1898.—"Limits of Parental Authority." Miss EVA YOUNG.

March 16th, 1898.—"Method in Elementary Science Teaching." Mrs. BOOLE.

A Reading Circle has been formed in connection with this branch, which meets once a month to read and discuss Miss Mason's books.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS AND DISTRICT BRANCH.

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Hon. Secretary: Dr. W. MALDEN, S. Lawrence, Tunbridge Wells.

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Number of Members, 31.

List of Lectures:—

December 16th, 1897.—"The Objects and Aims of the P.N.E.U." Mrs. E. L. FRANKLIN.

This branch is in its infancy. Arrangements are being made for lectures, but until sufficient members have joined only slow progress can be made.

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WALLASEY BRANCH.

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Mrs. STALLYBRASS
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Number of Members 67.

List of Lectures—

November 9th, 1897.—"Forgetting." Mrs. MIALL.

December 2nd, 1897.—"Place of Poetry and Imagination in Education." Miss CARTA STURGE.

January 27th, 1898.—"Laws of Growth." Miss BARNETT.

February 24th, 1898.—"Boys and Girls: A Contrast and Comparison." Dr. STOOKES.

March 24th, 1898.—Lecture to Nurses only.

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Number of Members 23.

List of Lectures—

December 6th, 1897.—"The Teaching of History." Mr. ARMITAGE SMITH.

February 16th, 1898.—"Sensitiveness and Sensibility in Children." Mr. CLINTON DENT.

March 16th, 1898.—"Psychology of Attention." Miss CARTA STURGE.

There is a French Class—Gouin System—given once a week by Mdlle. Périn, and there has been a Sol-fa Singing Class for two terms, given by Miss Richards, but this has been discontinued for a time. The Rev. A. J. Tarbat gives fortnightly open-air Natural History lessons.